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January 20, 2006 Friday

**SECTION:** LOCAL; Pg. B-1**LENGTH:** 861 words**HEADLINE:** War on drugs sparks incursions, officials say**BYLINE:** Anna Cearley and Leslie Berestein, STAFF WRITER**BODY:**

An increased Mexican military presence along the border over the past decade could be making it more likely that Mexican and U.S. authorities are crossing paths, according to several border law enforcement experts.

"The military in recent years is being drawn into the war on drugs," said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute, based at the University of San Diego.

Victor Clark, a Tijuana-based human rights activist who follows drug trends, said "there is more militarization along the border because the U.S. is pressuring to have more there."

In recent days, reports of incursions along the border by Mexican authorities have caused a media and political frenzy, despite assertions from Homeland Security officials that incursions by authorities on both sides are, though not frequent, fairly common.

"It's important to put this in perspective," said Mike Friel, a Washington spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which oversees the Border Patrol. "Incursions do happen on both sides, but for the most part they are infrequent. Generally these incursions are situations that happen when authorities are pursuing criminals, usually in unmarked stretches of the border. These reports of the incursions are being overblown."

Friel added that criminals also have been known to pose as Mexican authorities.

Some proponents of stronger border enforcement say the incursions are an indication that powerful drug smugglers have compromised some members of the Mexican military.

Earlier this week, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said there are an average of about 20 incidents a year in which Mexican police or military might set foot on U.S. soil, but that "a significant number of those are innocent things because they're not aware of exactly where the line is."

Chertoff's comments were in reaction to a newspaper report that the Mexican military had crossed 216 times into the United States since 1996. The story was published in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin of Ontario.

The statistics were attributed to a Homeland Security report, although a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said yesterday he had not seen the report.

Even though the potential for violence is high in such encounters, most ended with Mexican forces retreating, said T.J. Bonner, the San Diego-based president of the National Border Patrol Council, the Border Patrol agents' union.

Bonner said he didn't have statistics for incursions along the California border, and recalled one major incident a few years ago. In October 2000, two Border Patrol agents encountered armed men in military-style uniforms about 10 miles east of the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, Bonner said.

According to Bonner, the agents came under fire and the assailants pursued them into United States before backing off. Mexican authorities later confirmed a military group was operating in the area, but said it didn't step into U.S. territory. U.S. authorities later said there wasn't evidence the agents were shot at, and closed the case despite criticism of downplaying the incident.

In July 2000, Mexican officials decried what they called a deliberate incursion on the part of two Border Patrol officials, who crossed into Mexican territory to detain individuals; U.S. officials said the agents thought they were still on U.S. soil.

Alberto Lozano, a spokesman for the Mexican consulate in San Diego, noted that the consulate had still not seen a copy of any report detailing Mexican incursions.

"The Mexican military has never deliberately stepped onto U.S. soil, and every incident or supposed incursion has been investigated and clarified," he said.

Meanwhile, politicians in favor of stricter border enforcement have taken the opportunity to promote various security proposals. U.S. Rep. Rick Renzi, R-Ariz., took to television and radio yesterday to promote an amendment calling for increased aerial surveillance that he made to the recently passed HR 4437 border security bill.

"Our borders are under attack by sophisticated organizations that have no qualms about firing upon our Border Patrol units," he stated in a news release Wednesday.

Though the Mexican military hasn't traditionally been involved in combating drug trafficking, Mexico has turned to the military over the past decade because it's considered less corruptible than police agencies.

That isn't always true, however. For example, in 1997 a top Mexican general who went on to lead an anti-drug group was linked to a major drug cartel.

Bonner, the Border Patrol union chief, said he suspected that many of the incursions are drug-related. "Our agents are convinced that they are facilitating the entry of drugs, whether they are rogue units or recognized units," Bonner said.

Bonner said he believes anyone patrolling the border has a clear idea of where the boundaries are. Shirk, the Trans-Border Institute director, and Clark, the human rights activist, disagreed.

"It's not a very clear line drawn in the sand," Shirk said. "It goes through valleys and over mountains and across vast stretches of desert. There has been a number of incursions -- in both directions, I think it's important to say -- across this line."

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## U.S.-Mexican cultural gulf grows after border killing

Richard Marosi  
Los Angeles Times  
Jan. 15, 2006 12:00 AM

TIJUANA - From his rickety apartment in the shanty-lined hills of Colonia Libertad, Giovanni Rubio said he witnessed a Border Patrol agent fatally shoot a young man who had crossed onto U.S. soil.

"We want him electrocuted, and we want to watch," said Rubio, 22, referring to the agent whose actions sparked an international furor.

Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, visiting San Diego recently, offered his own take on the volatile situation along the border: "Anybody who assaults an agent is asking for trouble."

Differing reactions to the shooting on one of the most violence-prone stretches along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico illustrate the deepening cultural gulf between two nations separated by an increasingly fortified frontier.

Although Mexican politicians have condemned the shooting and demanded a federal investigation, the U.S. response has been restrained.

"When something tragic like this happens, it's something that Mexico interprets as a human rights violation, and conversely in the U.S., we tend to see this as an issue of the law," said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego.

"So there's tension between competing notions of fairness and justice."

### 2 sides to story

In Mexico, the Dec. 30 shooting of Guillermo Martinez Rodriguez, 18, topped news coverage for a week. It prompted President Vicente Fox's administration to make a formal request for an investigation.

The killing has prompted analysts on both sides of the border to repeat long-standing criticisms. Mexico, critics say, has failed to provide economic opportunities to keep its citizens at home. U.S. policies, others say, have failed to address fully issues of immigration.

Though the U.S.-Mexican War of 1846-48 may be a foggy fact for many Americans, in Mexico it's an old humiliation that stings, and border activists have invoked it when demanding justice for Martinez.

"Guillermo Martinez Rodriguez, you will be remembered, my brother, and your name and story will be heard from coast to coast. We demand an end to the genocide of the Latino community by the . . . continued militarization of the border," said Enrique Morones, president of Border Angels, a San Diego-based migrant rights group.

Amid rhetoric, an unusual level of cooperation has developed between law officials in both countries.

On Jan. 5, Mexican federal authorities handed over two witnesses to U.S. federal and California authorities at the San Ysidro border crossing. The witnesses, one believed to be the dead man's brother, immediately were taken to where the killing took place.

Since the shooting, Mexican law enforcement agencies have stepped up patrols to discourage crossings and have agreed to erect signs warning people that assaulting U.S. agents is against the law.

On the evening of the killing, the agent, an eight-year veteran, encountered a man who had jumped the first border fence and was holding a ladder at the second, 15-foot wall, according to Border Patrol accounts provided to the San Diego Police Department.

The man appeared to throw a rock, prompting the agent, whose name has not been released, to fire a single shot, police say. Because the wounded man fled back to Mexico, U.S. authorities say they haven't been able to confirm his identity.

Mexican officials said Martinez was taken to a Tijuana hospital and died the next day. He was shot in the back from 16 feet away, according to the Mexicans' preliminary investigation.

Mexican media have portrayed Martinez as a hard-working father of two who had crossed into the United States in search of work.

Border Patrol officials said Martinez was a smuggler who had been arrested 11 times on suspicion of guiding migrants across the border.

Martinez lived in a tiny apartment in Colonia Libertad, a notorious hub of smuggling activity. The border separating "La Libertad," as locals call it, from San Diego is a heavily contested stretch that is a microcosm of the broader problem of border enforcement.

## **2 sides to fence**

For residents here, the rusty fence is an ugly, offensive and unnecessary barrier to California, where many people work or have families. Martinez, many residents say, was a smuggler, but he didn't deserve to be killed for helping people reunite families or realize their dreams.

"It was a rock against a bullet," said Ignacio Montano, 36, a Colonia Libertad resident, who called the agent's actions excessive.

To Border Patrol agents, Colonia Libertad is a hostile place of hardened criminals, and Martinez's behavior typified the dangerous tactics used by the area's gang members.

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# Mexican parties split on migration

## Representatives debating in state

By Diane Lindquist  
STAFF WRITER

If a debate held in San Diego yesterday is any measure, migration to the United States is evolving as one of the most divisive issues in Mexico's presidential campaigns.

Representatives of the three major candidates sparred over their parties' views at an event organized by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's Mexico Business Center.

The debate at San Diego's Westin Horton Plaza hotel was among five held this week in cities across California after the Jan. 18 official kickoff of the Mexican presidential campaign. The election is scheduled for July 2, and the new president will take office for a six-year term Dec. 1.

While each of the speakers vowed that his or her party's candidate would do the most to spur economic development and create jobs in Mexico so people wouldn't need to migrate to the United States to find work, they differed most in regard to treatment of the approximately 11 million undocumented Mexicans living in the United States.

Sen. Hector Osuna Jaime, representing the National Action Party, or PAN, said candidate Felipe Calderón, President Vicente Fox's former energy minister, would create a com-

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Sen. Hector Osuna Jaime (left) represented the National Action Party, former Ambassador Roberta Lajous represented the Institutional Revolutionary Party, and Congressman Juan José García Ochoa spoke for the Party of the Democratic Revolution. *John Gastaldo / Union-Tribune photos*

### ► DEBATE

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## Elections in Mexico will be held July 2

mission that would focus on bringing the migrants home.

Roberta Lajous, Mexico's former ambassador to Austria and Cuba and its former United Nations representative, said former Tabasco Gov. Roberto Madrazo, the candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, supports a guest-worker program that would allow migrants to work in the United States but return to Mexico to live.

"Keep engaged with Mexico. We need you," Lajous said.

Congressman Juan José García Ochoa said former Mexico City Mayor Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the candidate representing the Party of the Democratic Revolution, or PRD, favors establishing better dialogue with U.S. officials "to ensure human and labor rights" for migrants working in the United States.

The politicians agreed that tax, energy, labor and judicial reforms are needed in Mexico, but they differed on the forms the changes should take.

To solve the country's failure to collect enough taxes to sufficiently finance education, social welfare and public works projects, Osuna said the PAN favors a flat tax in which all taxpayers would be required to pay the same percentage of income to the government.

"We are totally against a flat tax," countered the PRI's Lajous. "You can't charge the same taxes to the rich and the poor."

García said the PRD's solution is to improve tax collection. Only 20 percent of wage earners are paying taxes, he said.

"The most important reform would be to make people pay taxes in Mexico," García said.

He discounted fears that the left-leaning López Obrador would follow the lead of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in taking a hard line against foreign investors, especially energy companies. Instead, said García, waving a red notebook of policy positions, the PRD would encourage more private investment.

Osuna characterized López Obrador as a spendthrift, saying he "spent too much in Mexico City."

Lajous also criticized the former mayor, who has been ahead in the most recent polls.

"The administration of Mexico City has never been worse than under López Obrador,"

she said.

Ultimately, they blasted the ability of each other's candidate to govern the nation of 106 million.

Calderon would be successful in maintaining the PAN's hold on the presidency six years after it ended the PRI's 70-year control of Mexico, Osuna said, and would have more success than Fox in building a consensus in congress by gaining support for his programs among the people.

García pointed to López Obrador's ability to work with other parties and the PRD's expanding power base as a result of local and state election victories.

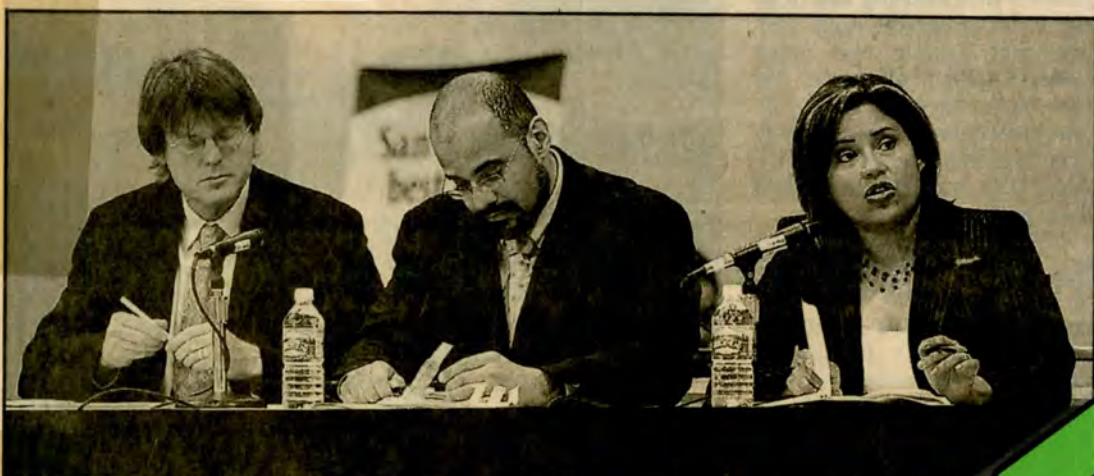
"Madrazo knows how to buy political consensus, not build political consensus," he said.

Lajous argued that the PRI is the only party likely to win a majority in congress. She vowed that a PRI victory would not reintroduce the corruption, cronyism and strong-arm tactics that tainted the party's reputation.

"We learned our lesson," she said. "We will regain our position as the major political force in the country."

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Asking questions were panelists Chris Woodruff (left), director of the Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies; David Shirk, director of the Transborder Institute at the University of San Diego; and Claudia Rodriguez, anchorwoman at Univision.

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## City record-keeping largely unregulated

### S.D. officials free to destroy most files

By **David Hasemyer and Jeff McDonald**  
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITERS

January 29, 2006

Pete Wilson kept files on just about everything, from nude sunbathing at Black's Beach to managing growth in the bustling city he presided over from 1971 to 1983.

But thousands of pages of personal notes, correspondence, reports and analyses from one of the city's most influential mayors have been destroyed – shredded or incinerated by design.

His records on Fairbanks Ranch Country Club? Gone. Files on the sale and lease of city property? Burned. Paperwork on the Sports Arena and its most controversial proprietor? Dust.

Records left by generations of mayors, council members and city departments help piece together the story of San Diego, warts and all. Yet since 1977, city policy has called for disposing of nearly everything but the most bureaucratic of documents.



NANCEE E. LEWIS / Union-Tribune  
 Rasean Johnson of the City Clerk's Office thumbed through a box of records in a climate- controlled archive room in the City Hall basement. Records clerks are required to wear white gloves when handling the documents.

Some files must be kept for two years before they can be destroyed. Others are “destruction-eligible” at any time. Only the most basic documents – agendas, board minutes, ordinances and resolutions, for example – must be kept forever, under state law.

The disposal of city documents is of particular interest now because three federal agencies are investigating the municipal pension system, the water department and a roundtable of public officials.

In March, former City Manager Lamont Ewell temporarily halted the destruction in a memo that laid out the need to save documents, including e-mails, that might prove relevant to the inquiries.

Federal investigators and the City Attorney's Office have examined some of that material. But there's no way of knowing whether files are complete because the retention program operates on what amounts to an honor system.

Employees and city officials are largely free to delete or dispose of records as they choose. When council members leave office they are supposed to leave their records with the city clerk. But no one polices the policy. Even if someone did regulate record-keeping, there are no penalties for breaking

rank.

"I've spoken in front of the council 18 times on this very point, asking them not to destroy files," said Alfred Strohlein, a City Hall watchdog from Pacific Beach. "The only response I ever got was from (council president) Scott Peters. He said to me, 'Mr. Strohlein, those files are gone.'"

### What to save

Most institutions generate an unimaginable volume of paper, forcing companies, government agencies and other organizations to develop plans to effectively manage their information.

City Hall is no different, with paperwork generated by every department and every elected official.

The task of preserving and organizing the material falls to the City Clerk's Office. But the office handles so many other jobs – preparing council agendas and coordinating municipal elections – that archiving is only small part of its duties.

Because of city budget problems, the office hasn't had a trained archivist in two years, so the tasks fall to the general staff, which has been shaved to 42 people. That's down nearly a dozen positions in the past 10 years, Assistant City Clerk Joyce Lane said.

Even if the clerk's office had more help, it would have trouble finding storage space.

The office maintains some 23,000 cubic feet of files at nine locations, including a climate-controlled archive room in the City Hall basement. The city also has a standing agreement that the San Diego Historical Society will maintain some historic records.



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The records maintained by the City Clerk's Office include files from the 1880s containing letters about cattle and a 1953 file labeled "Cranks and Crackpots."

Still, the volume of material is growing so quickly that workers can't destroy documents fast enough to keep up with the need for more room, Lane said.

"If we kept every piece of paper, we'd be buried," Lane said.

City clerks throughout the nation face similar challenges. While they're busy preparing agendas and cataloging elections paperwork, they also must find time to preserve documents for historical purposes.

"Our constant daily activity puts this at the bottom of things that need to get done," said Paul Bergeron, a city clerk from Nashua, N.H., who is also on the board of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators. "A lot of the records I wish we had are no longer here."

When Charles Abdelnour took over as San Diego city clerk in 1977, he inherited a morass of unkempt paperwork, inefficient storage systems and an inconsistent retention policy.

He quickly set about developing a citywide standard for retaining public records that still remains largely intact. Despite the efforts of Abdelnour, who retired last year, the retention policy is scattershot at best.



Among the items that have been preserved are files from the 1880s containing pen and ink missives about issues such as cattle herds, and a 1953 file labeled “Cranks and Crackpots,” filled with complaints and letters addressed to Mayor John Butler. But many of the records Wilson collected are lost, even though some of the issues he dealt with persist to this day.

The California Government Code spells out which records must be saved permanently and which must be stored for two years. Tax and securities laws add to the period of time some records must be archived.

The city has had to keep certain records for its troubled pension system – agendas, minutes and membership rolls. But it was not obligated to keep cost-of-living updates, monthly investment transactions or individual retiree payment records for more than five years.

City guidelines call for “policy” records to be preserved for at least two years and up to 10 years, Lane said. “Subject” files, which don't rise to the level of official policy, may be discarded at will.

But the definitions are murky. Every day, hundreds of city employees decide which letters, reports or e-mails constitute which kind of record, and whether they should be saved.

Council records that pertain to ongoing issues are typically saved for incoming members. But when Byron Wear vacated his District 2 office in late 2002, he left behind only used furniture and empty cabinets, his successor said.

“The files had been purged,” said former Councilman Michael Zucchet, who said he had to build files from scratch on issues critical to his district.

Wear said he gave all relevant files to the clerk's office or to the San Diego Data Processing Corp., the city's information technology provider. The only records that were thrown out, Wear insisted, were copies.

But the clerk's office said Wear's staff handed over just two boxes of press releases and other papers when Wear left City Hall.

The clerk's office is still waiting for records from former Councilman Ralph Inzunza, who is facing a 21-month federal prison sentence in connection with his corruption conviction last year. And it has yet to review 33 boxes of records left by Zucchet, who resigned after being convicted in the same case but was later cleared of most charges.

### 180 boxes

The 180 boxes left behind when Dick Murphy bailed out of the mayor's office last summer are piled to the rafters in the City Hall basement.

A review of some of the files by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* revealed some amusing insights into Murphy's leadership – the very stuff historians hunt for when conducting research.



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The clerk's office is responsible for preserving and organizing city documents. It keeps about 23,000 cubic feet of files, such as this box of nominating petitions, at nine locations.

There are memos carefully choreographing Murphy's public appearances, including arrival times, his path to a speaker's podium, the amount of time he had to glad-hand on the way. There are crayon drawings from preschoolers, draft news releases with spelling errors corrected and snapshots of Murphy posing in a convertible at the Scripps Ranch community parade.

The files are full of résumés from people seeking board appointments, some unabashedly acknowledging that they expect to use the volunteer post as a stepping stone to a paying city job.

In one box, a folder called "Quotes and Jokes" is tucked against a file entitled "Report on City Finances." A few selections from the joke file include these chestnuts: "I wish the buck stopped here . . . I sure could use a few" and "It's not hard to meet expenses – they're everywhere."

Another file is tantalizingly titled "FBI Investigation." But the contents don't live up to its heading. Inside is a note from the City Attorney's Office advising Murphy on the effects of the indictments of then-council members Zucchet, Inzunza and the late Charles Lewis, plus a press release issued soon after the 2003 FBI raid on City Hall.

One box contains lengthy memos from whistle-blower Diann Shipione expressing concerns over the direction of the pension board. As much of San Diego now knows, Murphy ignored her warnings.

So far, the city clerk has done nothing with the Murphy files beyond conducting an initial inventory. Like many at City Hall, the clerk's staff is awaiting the conclusion of the multiple investigations under way.

They may have to hire an archivist to process the records – which probably would be welcomed by researchers, who relish the sort of detail found in Murphy's files.

"Historians would save everything," said Iris Engstrand, an author and historian who teaches at the University of San Diego. Archival records show how a city identified and coped with operational issues, how policies and procedures were developed."

Engstrand, who has written extensively on San Diego history, said the letters, notes, calendars and other records that aren't required to be saved often yield the most insight into what drives decision-makers.

"We're trying to understand the past so we can figure out how to proceed in the present," Engstrand said.

### **Electronic files**

E-mail, Microsoft Word and other software have added a new element to record-keeping that can confound not only archivists, but investigators and auditors.

The City Clerk's Office is still wrestling with how to preserve any or all of the thousands of computerized files generated at City Hall. Council members, for example, are currently asked to print out their electronic records before leaving office, because the office isn't equipped to preserve computerized data.

Lane said she'd like to have a computer system that allows every city employee with a desktop to retain electronic files with the click of a mouse.

"That is the future of records management," she said.

Given San Diego's budget problems, such an investment is probably years away, she said. And even the latest technology would do little to resolve inconsistencies in records management between city departments.

Archiving electronic material has taken on added importance in recent years.

In September, city officials disclosed that consultants hired to scour public records had failed to examine 57,000 electronic documents they overlooked in their initial review. The oversight meant City Hall failed to fully comply with federal subpoenas.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre suspects many records have been deliberately deleted or destroyed. "There's been an organized campaign of official amnesia that has taken place over the past several years," he said. "This has been a real problem."

Aguirre, who taught history at the University of Southern California in the early 1980s, would like the city to have a designated person in charge of archiving its records and preserving its history.

"How are we going to explain to people the ticket guarantee if we don't have the records?" he said, referring to a controversial lease arrangement between the city and the Chargers football club.

"Otherwise, we're subject to repeating the same mistakes and losing our identity."

A number of states impose fees specifically for the preservation of public records. New York, for example, collects \$3 for every land transfer to fund its archives and records administration, said Bergeron, the board member for the national archivists group.

Longtime city watchdog Mel Shapiro is one of few people who have taken time to plow through Murphy's files in hopes of uncovering a telling e-mail or incriminating memo that might break open the billion-dollar-plus pension fund debacle.

He found nothing revealing. But Shapiro nonetheless objects to the idea of disposing of public records.

"They are there to be reviewed and examined," he said. "That's the way it should be. Once something is gone, it's gone. You can't retrieve history from the ashes."

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# Political Lunacy

## Carl Luna's observations on California politics

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### Tough Crowd

From my vantage point (safe in my family room watching on the wide screen with surround sound (I swear I'd like to buy a DVD of 2 hours of the Dolby sound swoosh that plays before many 5.1 DVD presentations; best part of many movies) Jerry "The Man" Sanders faced a tough crowd last Thursday giving his State of the City address.

All in all he handled it reasonably well for a man whose number one gift is certainly not scintillating oratory. But, judging from the crowd of city employees, various city elite mucky-mucks, interest group gurus, nattering nabobs, elected high poobahs, assorted gadflies and average John and Jane Q. Publics, our new Majestic Mayor's message—part optimistic municipal booster, part stern school master—went over like tarnished brass in Golden Hall.

Indeed, the Mayor's message had something to offend just about everybody assembled. He blasted the pension fund as having been deliberately underfunded (indeed, as action at the State and Federal DAs level seem to indicate, potentially criminally so). Kiss off the pension board as Sanders stalwarts. Of course, the board President had already kissed off Jerry in refusing his request for across the board resignations, so no love lost there. But Sanders additional (if there was a bombshell Thursday night, this was it, and the bomb's name was, fittingly, Aguirre) plan to reinstate the City Attorney as pension board counsel.

To municipal employee union members, having Mike "Roll Back the Illegal Benefits" Aguirre as pension chief legal eagle is like being a death row inmate who just discovered the ACLU has been replaced by John Ascroft to argue the final appeal. And to Aguirre's legions of detractors who also happen to be Sanderistas, this had to be bitter medicine indeed. But chalk one up for Jerry showing he's willing to shake up the power establishment just as he promised to do during the campaign. But it meant that about the only person who could walk out of Golden Hall with a light step and a big smile after Sanders was done was Battlin' Mike.

The Mayor then blasted pretty much the entirety of the City Government saying that, "As best I can tell, the operating philosophy around City Hall involved one of these three words: delay, deny or deceive." Now, don't get me wrong. I agree with Sanders – City Government has gotten about as slipshod as public administration in a third world country – maybe a nicer third world country with beaches and stuff – like Morocco or Costa Rica – but third world, or at least second rate, nonetheless. But facts are facts and politically Sanders has now firmly set himself against most of the city hall establishment, both high level management and average employee.

Sanders tried to soften the pummeling by telling average city employees that it was "the system" that failed, not them. But then saying he was looking to potentially reduce city staff by 10% and outsource as much of city government as he can get the public to endorse wasn't exactly offering an olive branch to municipal workers. Nor was his statement that he expects municipal labor unions to "do their part" and "make additional sacrifices" to achieve "a comprehensive solution...so they will know that their jobs and their pensions can ultimately

be secured." That's strong Mayoralese for "agree to roll back benefits or I'm gonna lay a bunch of you off, give you nothing in the next round of contract negotiations and go to court to invalidate what benefits you have. And then I'll get tough." Kind of a polite "my way or the highway" mayoralty.

I would have expected the newly elected mayor, still needing to win over the support of some of the electorate and interest groups that supported his rival and inspire confidence in the public, to move a little bit more away from the doom and gloom rhetoric that has dominated San Diego politics for two years now. Then again, a too-cheerful Jerry would have come across like the Captain of the Titanic telling the passengers all was well and to ignore all that ice on the poop deck.

Sanders' approach was, instead, almost brutally honest. Especially the part about water and sewer rate hikes which, when the "let's give the new guy a chance" bonhomie has subsided in a few months (or weeks or days, as things go) could really come back and bite his Honor on the mayoral backside. (And, least he get too free a pass—which he seems to be getting—from press and public for flat out breaking the number one campaign promise that propelled him to the mayoralty in his number one major city address—I'll do a little butt-biting later this week.)

If anybody should be really pleased by Sanders' speech it should be the SEC and the bonds markets, as the Mayor seems serious about solving San Diego's fiscal mess. As such the speech was a far cry better than Hapless Dick Murphy's last State of the City speech (with its rousing choruses of "Bright, bright, bright sun shiny day.")


But Sanders may well be the last politician since Paul "I am not Santa Claus. I can't promise everybody everything they want. We can't afford to with our huge federal budget deficits." Tsongas, the former Massachusetts Senator who ran against Bill Clinton for the Democratic nomination in 1992, to lead with what he plans to take away rather than what he plans to give. Ultimately, given the choice between truth and promises, the electorate went for the jolly fat man from Arkansas. Sanders has the advantage that he is already elected. But accentuating the negative in his first speech may serve to rally his opposition far faster than might have been the case.

Unless he's really ready to crack heads. In that, I'm sure Mike Aguirre will be more than willing to lend a hand.

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## Sequoia Interests Appoints Veteran Petrochemical Sales Executive VP of Sales and Marketing

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 24, 2006--Sequoia Interests Corporation (Pink Sheets:SQNC) is very pleased to announce the appointment of veteran petrochemical sales executive, Mr. Robert Rylan Starkey as the company's VP of Marketing. Mr. Starkey will be responsible for the branding and sales of DiamondFlo(TM) in the U.S. and International markets.

Prior to joining Sequoia Interest, Mr. Starkey was responsible for Export and Distributor Sales for Lyondell Petrochemical's Polymer Division, (NYSE:LYO). Mr. Starkey has 26 years experience as an international trade consultant, providing trading expertise and knowledge of international markets including foreign trade agreements, export laws and documentation, transportation and supply chain management foreign credit and collections.

As a Chemical Trader for Mitsubishi International (Pink Sheets:MSBHY), he was responsible for development of plastic resin sales in international markets, structuring tolling arrangements in petrochemicals and worked with major polymer producers in the U.S. and South America.

Overseas experience include profit and loss responsibility for successful start-up and expansion of the South America operation of DHL International.

Mr. Starkey holds a Masters Degree in International Management from The American Graduate School of International Management and a B.A. degree in Chemistry from the University of San Diego. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.

Ted Leslie, CEO of Sequoia, stated, "We are extremely pleased that Robert has joined the team. He will be a true asset to the company. With the completion of our manufacturing facility, we are ready to launch into our sales phase. Robert brings all the credentials to launch DiamondFlo into practical use. We look forward to revenue generation that will be reflected in our shareholder value."

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### Knox to honor alumni, celebrate Founders Day

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GALESBURG - Knox College will honor four graduates with 2006 Alumni Achievement Awards in the college's annual Founders Day Convocation at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Muelder Reading Room, Seymour Library, in the Knox campus in Galesburg. The convocation is free and open to the public.

The alumni are film and television producer David Axelrod, journalist William Barnhart, jazz vocalist Semanya McCord and actor Caitlin Muelder. Each recipient will speak briefly at the award presentation.

Axelrod, a 1967 Knox graduate, is an Emmy Award-winning television producer. A 1968 Knox graduate, Barnhart is a business writer and editor for the Chicago Tribune. McCord is a 1971 Knox graduate, acclaimed singer and educator, and member of the Knox music faculty. A Galesburg native and 1996 Knox graduate, Muelder is a successful actress who was selected for the newly created Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The awards will be presented by Brett W. Tilly, chairman of the Knox Alumni Council. Roger Taylor, President of the College, and Zach Stephenson, President of the Student Senate, will speak. Music will be performed by a student string trio, Melissa Morrow, Alexandra Sodomka, and Robert Tunstall.



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Knox is a national liberal arts college in Galesburg, Illinois, with students from 46 states and 43 nations. Knox College was chartered on February 15, 1837, by the Illinois legislature meeting in Vandalia, the state capital from 1819 to 1839. Among the legislators was Abraham Lincoln, who was awarded an honorary degree by Knox 23 years later in 1860.

More about the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award Winners:

#### David Axelrod

An award-winning television and film producer, writer, and director, David Axelrod graduated from Knox in 1967 and received his Master of Fine Arts degree from New York University's Institute of Film and Television in 1969.

Over the course of his 30-year career, he has worked on dozens of television documentaries, including "The Great Transatlantic Cable" and "Wright Brothers' Flying Machine" for the Public Broadcasting System program American Experience; "Galileo's Battle for the Heavens" for the PBS program NOVA; and "The History of Rock & Roll."

In 2003, Axelrod received the Emmy Award for Outstanding Historical Programming for "Galileo's Battle for the Heavens." He lives and works in Los Angeles.

#### William Barnhart

A 1968 Knox graduate, William Barnhart has worked as a business writer and editor for the Chicago Tribune since 1979.

His daily column offers news and commentary on the stock, bond and currency markets.

Barnhart, who holds master's degrees in teaching and business administration from the University of Chicago, began his career in journalism in 1970 as a police reporter for the City News Bureau of Chicago and later covered state and local politics in Springfield and the Chicago suburbs.

In addition to the Tribune, he has worked as a business writer for the Chicago Sun-Times and the former Chicago Daily News. He has served as president of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers and is co-author of "Kerner: The Conflict of Intangible Rights," a biography of former Illinois Governor Otto Kerner.

#### Semenya McCord

A nationally-respected jazz artist, Semanya McCord is a vocalist, music educator, and composer.

A Galesburg native and 1971 Knox graduate, she is currently a jazz voice instructor at Carl Sandburg and Knox Colleges in Galesburg and is pursuing a master's degree at Northern Illinois



University. She also develops and produces jazz-oriented programs for audiences in Western Illinois.

Before returning to the Midwest in 2003, McCord taught and performed throughout New England, where she received Boston's 1990 Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Musical Excellence and was selected for a 1997 Commonwealth Award from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



McCord also worked to develop musical programs featuring spirituals, blues, traditional, and contemporary jazz with the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Young Audiences of Massachusetts Inc., and the New England Foundation for the Arts.

Caitlin Muelder

After graduating from Knox in 1996, Caitlin Muelder entered the University of San Diego's Old Globe Program, one of the nation's top graduate acting programs, where she received her MFA in 1999.

The Galesburg native has acted in numerous plays across the country, including the critically acclaimed "Engaged" at New York's Lucille Lortel Theatre, "Closer" at the Cincinnati Playhouse, and Broadway's Tony-award winning "The Invention of Love." Muelder has performed "Solitaire," a one-woman show she wrote about Amelia Earhart, in New York, Los Angeles, Galesburg, and Edinburgh, Scotland.

In addition to her work in theatre, she has had guest roles on NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and CBS's "The Education of Max Bickford" and has appeared in two movies, "Going In" and "If You Can Say It in Words."

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## Conference to measure Asia's influence on San Diego real estate

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When examining factors affecting the San Diego real estate market, it's important to look beyond regional and national influences, as the investment and building being done in other countries is also of significance.

Keeping this in mind, the Burnham Moores Center for Real Estate on Tuesday is hosting its 10th annual real estate conference, which will focus on the real estate market in Asia, primarily China, and what it means to those in San Diego.

"The more I read, everything is about China (and its growth into a super power)," said Mark Riedy, executive director of the Burnham Moores Center. "From our perspective, real estate is a major part of their growth. It's (China's influence in the real estate market) something that people need to be aware of in the real estate industry."

The conference's opening panel will focus on real estate investment/development opportunities and risks in Asia. Six experts with extensive experience in China will discuss the amount of development occurring and the implications that development will have for commercial and residential real estate markets in the U.S. Panelists include Robert Welanetz, president and CEO of Shanghai-based **Shanghai Kinghill Ltd.**, and Jingzhou Tao, partner in Beijing-based **DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary**.

The second panel will be comprised of local experts who will share their views on the future impact of replacement/construction cost increases on new commercial real estate development within San Diego County.

"Part of the phenomenon in China is the absorption of construction materials ... that's creating price increases," Riedy said. This portion of the conference will have a primarily local focus.

With the county being the investment favorite in 2006, according to the *Emerging Trends* publication, the panel will discuss if existing properties will retain their value as construction cost increases and material supply constraints inhibit new development. Panelists include Matthew Reno, CEO of **Reno Contracting Inc.**, and David Allred, executive vice president of **Douglas Allred Co.**

The third panel includes industry leaders who will debate the future direction of cap rates and "the fundamentals" as the impact of the Chinese economy and its real estate market dynamics will have immense influence in 2006 on these issues for the national real estate market. Also included will be a local perspective from Robert Prendergast, director of Burnham Moores. Other panelists include Steven Kantor, managing director of **Credit Suisse**, and Blake Eagle, CEO of the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries.

"We're fortunate to have some outstanding speakers on all the panels," Riedy said, which will give attendees a variety of educated perspectives on the national and global real estate market.

The conference, presented by **Pan Pacific Retail Properties** and sponsored by *The Daily Transcript*, will also feature a lunch speech by Mayor Jerry Sanders. The conference will begin at 8 a.m., Tuesday, at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

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## Extreme Makeover

**EACH YEAR**, University of San Diego MBA students renovate the home of a senior citizen in Linda Vista, a project dubbed Thanksgiving House because the work invariably takes place in November. Now in its seventh year, the assignment teaches business students project-management skills while improving the quality of life for a local senior who could use a little boost.

"This experience is teaching us how to manage people, money and time, while planning and executing a finite project," says Christy Soto, one of the participating students. "While it is a lot of work, we know it's worth it."

The most recent recipient: 83-year-old Andrew Hunter, a widower and father of seven. Students completed the task over two weekends, utilizing funds and materials donated from the community, including Bartell Hotels, the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, Neighborhood National Bank and Standard Pacific Homes.

They refinished the home's flooring, installed new plumbing, painted rooms and brought in new major appliances and furniture. They even landscaped the yard. More info: [sandiego.edu/thanksgivinghouse](http://sandiego.edu/thanksgivinghouse).



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## **USD offers certificates in real estate**

The Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego now offers a continuing education program for working professionals in the real estate and building industries.

Classes for the new Certificate in Real Estate Finance, Investments, and Development, will begin Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The new certificate program offers real estate and building industry professionals the opportunity to enhance their skills and overall industry knowledge, not only to further their careers, but also to position themselves and their firms more competitively in California's market.

"In today's aggressive real estate environment, it's vital that our staff be equipped with top-notch skills and strategies in order to provide our clients with the best real estate opportunities available – precisely why we're sending our newer professionals to this comprehensive, practical and innovative certificate program," said Dan Phelan, CEO of Pacific Southwest Realty Services. He added: "I think an added bonus is that the best in our industry will be instructing each course and will bring timely, real-life experience and strategies with them that can be implemented in the field immediately – offering an unparalleled training experience to anyone who wants to compete at the highest levels."

To earn a certificate, a student must complete five core courses plus two electives. Core courses will include: Introduction to Real Estate; Investments & Develop-

ment; Real Estate Finance; Real Estate Law; Real Estate Investment Analysis; and Legal Aspects of Real Estate. The electives that will be offered initially include: Technology in Real Estate; Title Insurance & Escrow; Property Management; Selling, Leasing, & Marketing of Real Estate; and Urban Revival.

The first course being offered, "Introduction to Real Estate, Investments & Development," will begin Feb. 1 at the Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Center on the University of San Diego campus at 5998 Alcalá Park. This course is a prerequisite to all other courses that will be offered as part of the complete certificate program. All courses are taught

by industry experts, including this one – taught by well-known and respected strategic consultant and real estate economist, Gary London, president of The London Group.

All of the program's courses will be held in the evenings and can be taken conveniently over several months – offering flexibility for the busy working professional.

To register for the first course of the certificate program or to get additional course information, contact Jodi Waterhouse at (619) 260-4231 or [jodiw@sandiego.edu](mailto:jodiw@sandiego.edu). For information about the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego, visit [www.USDRealEstate.com](http://www.USDRealEstate.com), or contact John Ferber at (619) 260-7513 or [jferber@sandiego.edu](mailto:jferber@sandiego.edu).

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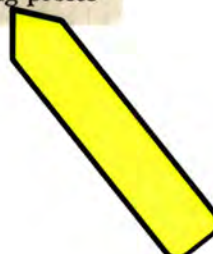
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To earn a certificate, a student must complete five core courses plus two electives. Core courses will include Introduction to Real Estate; Investments & Development; Real Estate Finance; Real Estate Development Process; Real Estate Investment and Income Analysis; and Legal Aspects of Real Estate. The electives that will be offered initially include: Technology in Real Estate; Title Insurance & Escrow; Property Management; Leasing, & Marketing of Real Estate; and Urban Revival.

The first course being offered, "Introduction to Real Estate, Investments & Development," will begin on February 1, 2006 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Center on the University of San Diego campus at 5998 Alcalá Park. This course is a prerequisite to all other courses that will be offered as part of the complete certificate program. All courses are taught by industry experts, including this one – taught by well-known and respected strategic consultant and real estate economist, Gary London, President of The London Group.

All of the program's courses will be held in the evenings and can be taken conveniently over several months – offering flexibility for the busy working professional. Classes are slated to run from 6 – 9 p.m.

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# 2006 Predictions From San Diego Pundits

The *San Diego Business Journal* asked prominent academic individuals from local universities to offer business-related predictions for 2006. Each pundit had different economic forecasts for local and national happenings. While any one of us can make a reasonable guess toward what lies ahead this year, we thought that probing the experts certainly helps ensure we're pointed in the right direction.

## Dr. Alan Gin

Associate Professor of Economics, University of San Diego

National GDP growth will be in the 3 percent to 3.5 percent range. That's down from growth in 2005 as a result of: increased interest rates, continued high oil prices; potential deflating of housing market, geopolitical developments (midterm elections and potential problems in Iraq/Iran).

Short-term interest rates will rise between three-quarters and 1 percent and long-term interest rates (30-year mortgage rate) will increase by half a percent. This won't be enough to completely derail the housing market but it will further slow an already cool market. This will be particularly difficult for people who have taken out adjustable rate mortgages and will result in some defaults, though not enough to cause a decline in the housing market.

Wage and salary jobs will increase by 17,500 with average unemployment at 4.5 percent. This is down from the 18,000-19,000 jobs created in 2005, and due to (the) same factors that are affecting the national economy. The worry is that most of the job growth will be in the low wage sectors of the

economy such as in the leisure and hospitality industry and in retailing. In terms of high-paying jobs, manufacturing will continue its decline and construction and real estate, which provided many of the high-paying jobs in recent years, will contribute less to overall job growth.

The housing market will continue to slow with a drop in the number of sales and houses taking longer to sell. However, I anticipate no severe drop in prices. In fact, my prediction is for price appreciation in the low, single-digit range. One consequence of this is that a lot of the job growth that we had recently is connected to real estate. In 2005, about 35 percent of the new jobs created in San Diego County were related to real estate and a slowdown will hurt growth. The economy has also

been boosted by consumer spending resulting from people drawing on the equity in their homes. A slowing in price appreciation and an increase in interest rates will slow this considerably.

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# Housing prices had strong run; now what?

## Experts divided over San Diego's outlook

By Roger M. Showley,  
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As San Diego County bids farewell to a five-year housing-price boom, the one question that lingers is whether the local real estate market is speeding toward a crash or

sliding to a landing.

Some national real estate experts have placed San Diego on their list of cities that can expect price drops, which hasn't happened in the local market since 1995. But those based in California are more sanguine. They acknowledge some warning signs such as expected mortgage rate increases but foresee no collapse, pointing to a healthy local economy.

Across the country, economists are closely watching the county's real estate market, which defied some predictions more than a year ago by maintaining a price surge

that went far beyond what many thought was possible.

Now, concerns are being raised that lenders have gone too far in making mortgages easily available through a host of new products. Analysts are also seeing signs of trouble, such as an increase in mortgage defaults.

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Among the doomsayers is Fiserv CSW, a market research firm in Cambridge, Mass., that last month predicted San Diego's housing prices will drop 3.4 percent this year and 5.7 percent in 2007. The firm concluded, in a survey completed for *Fortune* magazine, that San Diego is second to Las Vegas as the most vulnerable metropolitan area out of 100 analyzed.

The company's experts include Yale University economist Robert Shiller, who has for a few years predicted a major housing-market downturn, especially in "frothy" places such as San Diego, where median home prices have more than doubled in five years.

In another analysis last month, Cleveland-based National City Corp. concluded that San Diego prices are 46 percent higher than local incomes can support. The company said the median home price here should be nearly \$150,000 less than the actual price reported in the third quarter of 2005.

Closer to home, however, market watchers see a rosier picture. They believe that prices are likely to continue rising, just at a much slower pace, because of continued demand for homes fueled by job growth.

"I'd say housing is overpriced, but whether or not that implies that prices are going to crash is a different question," said University of San Diego economist Alan Gin.

He and other analysts predict prices will increase this year between zero and 5 percent, which could raise November's median home price of \$518,000 to about \$544,000.

Last year's overall rate of appreciation slowed to 7.5 percent, according to data being analyzed by locally based DataQuick Information Systems. That was the first year since 1999 that the county had a single-digit percentage gain — a far cry from a year earlier, when the median price jumped a record 21.1 percent.

"The boom part of the cycle is over," said DataQuick analyst John Karevoll. "Most of the gains this time around are behind us. Now the question is how much of those gains do we get to keep."

A 5 percent appreciation rate this year would be the lowest since the late 1990s, when San Diego was recovering from a long real estate recession and median home prices were un-

der \$200,000. Karevoll pegs the chances for a "soft landing" at 80 percent.

If an economic downturn does come, those most at risk are middle-wage borrowers who in recent years have relied heavily on highly leveraged loans to attain homeownership.

Often called "creative" or "non-traditional," these loans have allowed buyers to purchase homes in high-cost markets such as San Diego with less money down and little documentation to support their creditworthiness.

The trade-off is that the buyers with unconventional loans take on a higher risk of default if mortgage rates climb. Some analysts warn that such loans haven't been tested during a sharp downturn.

Watching the trend with mounting concern, federal banking regulators stepped in on Dec. 20. Five institutions, including the Federal Reserve, issued a "guidance" to lenders. In part, it says tighter regulations are needed for interest-only loans, payment-option adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) and simultaneous second mortgages that reduce down payments.

"We have seen the mass marketing of these loans and the growth of these loans and determine if that was appropriate for the market," said Barbara Grunkemeyer, county comptroller for credit risk at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, who led a multi-agency task force that studied the issue.

Regulators are seeking comments from lenders before making the notice final, but substantial changes in the document aren't expected, said David Barr, spokesman for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Once finalized, it "applies to all banks and savings and loans and their subsidiaries, so

it does have pretty broad reach," he said.

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## Days of quick profits are over, observers say

The regulators have "joined a chorus of critics on the impact of some of the new (lending) products," said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "This ranges from credit-rating agencies to consumer-advocacy groups, all with a common message. These products, particularly adjustable... all add substantially to the risk to the home buyer."

Sensing a market slowdown, Shannon Bodnar and her husband, Alan, decided in April to put their Scripps Ranch home on the market and cash in on nearly four years of equity gains. They went ahead with a planned room addition and upgraded their 1,775-square-foot home with hardwood floors, new carpet and window coverings. New landscaping was put in the front yard and a hot tub was installed in the back.

"My husband is in grad school and due to finish next December, and we felt there was a good chance we wouldn't be in San Diego after that, and we didn't want to wind up not getting the most for our house," said Shannon, 33.

The couple's house went on the market in late June at an asking price of \$699,000 to \$735,000. By September, it had not sold and the couple brought in a new agent. Twice, the price was reduced, and by November the house sold for \$660,000.

"We were hoping to be ahead of the curve, and I don't know if we were," she said.

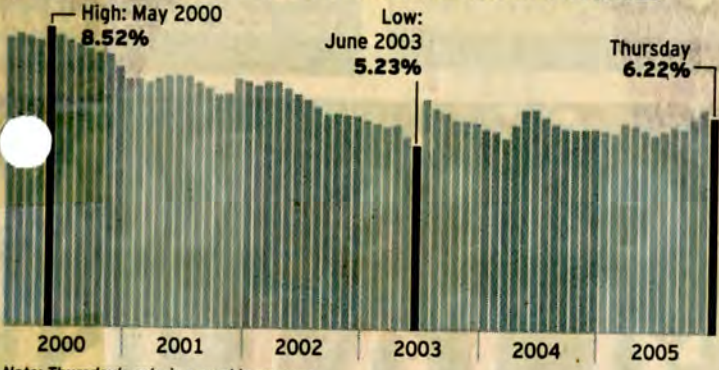
The buyers were Suzy and John Marshall, both retired, who decided to return to San Diego after living abroad while John worked as a loss-prevention manager for the Army and Air Force exchange service.

"We realized we were buying at a higher price, but right now it doesn't matter because this is the home we'll be in for the rest of our lives," said Suzy, 54. "People always want to sell their homes for more than they paid, and I think the market now is not allowing them to make that windfall profit."

San Diego's real estate market, which has long favored sellers, is beginning to lurch toward buyers like the Marshalls. Today, the number of homes for sale hovers at 14,000, 55 percent above year-ago levels. For buyers, that means more choices.

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**MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR 30-YEAR, FIXED-RATE MORTGAGES**



Note: Thursday's rate is a weekly average.  
 SOURCE: Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey PETE CHENARD / Union-Tribune

It's also taking about two months to get a home into escrow, compared with three weeks at the peak of the 2004 selling frenzy. That gives buyers more room to negotiate and removes the pressure to make hasty decisions.

"Buyers no longer have fire in their belly. They're still worrying they're buying in a peak market and will end up losing equity they might have," said North County real estate broker Kris Berg. "There's just an uncertainty about where we're headed, which is causing buyers to sit back and think about it more."

Los Angeles economist Raphael Bostic says buyers now clearly have the edge.

"I think what we've seen is a transition of the market from a pure seller's market to one where the buyer has more leverage than they've had in recent years, so that's a sign we're returning to a saner market," said Bostic, of the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate.

"The frenzy was unlikely to go on forever. For 2006, I think we'll see a slower, more measured-performing market."

Reflecting the changed market, sellers are including incentives unheard of months ago, such as higher commissions to agents, decorating and landscaping allowances and an offer

to buyers of a "free" car.

The incentive of a \$20,000 Nissan by condo-conversion developer Del Mar Heritage helped persuade Omar Faraj, 30, to buy a 1,164-square-foot town house in Escondido for \$399,000, his first home.

"I just heard 'buy a condo, get a car' when I looked into it more," the Palomar Hospital pharmacist said. "I do need a car — I have a 1997 Altima — and I'd been thinking about upgrading."

Faraj said he is not worried that prices might dip or stay flat. "I'm in it for the long term. I'm not in it for a quick flip."

With the promise of quick profits virtually gone, today's buyers may well have to follow Faraj's lead and stay put longer to earn enough equity to buy a bigger house.

Potentially worrisome is the impact of rising mortgage rates. Rates for benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate loans have remained above 6 percent for three months.

The outlook from economists is for a slight increase in 2006. David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, expects the average for 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages will rise to about 6.75 percent by the third quarter, while the Mortgage Bankers Association predicts 6.8 percent by the fourth quarter.

Despite the pessimism of some housing analysts, one major forecaster has tempered its earlier opinion that California's real estate market was headed for a downturn. The University of California Los Angeles' Anderson Forecast, which has had a reputation for doomsday predictions, eased its view in its latest report, which foresees a slowdown but no crash.

"Local housing markets will cool off, leading to a slowdown in spending and some job losses in construction and other real estate-related industries," said economist Ryan Ratcliff, who wrote the outlook. "With this in mind, we are currently forecasting a plateau in home prices, a moderate decrease in sales and new building and two years of weak growth. However, this forecast represents the middle of the road."

But Erik Bruvold, a vice president at the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp., takes a more positive view. He said any hiccup in housing price appreciation may be brief because of a bright job picture,

especially for the high-paying high-tech sector.

Looking to 2007, he can conceive of a sizable upturn in prices.

For entry-level buyers, the bright spot in San Diego County's pricey market has been the conversion of apartments into condominiums, a politically charged trend that has helped buoy the new-home market.

More recently, though, a glut of converted condos has slowed sales and has forced converters to offer incentives, while in the city of San Diego, the conversion process may be hung up by legal challenges over environmental issues.

"It's clearly a buyer's market," said Paul Kerr, president of Davlyn Investments, a local condo converter. "What's happened is that the investor buyer is no longer really active in San Diego County. The opportunity to buy a conversion and hold on to it for six months to a year and flip it and make \$50,000 to \$100,000 — those days are over."

With thousands of high-rise condominium units in development, downtown San Diego is regarded as a housing barometer by many industry watchers.

Real estate analyst Gary London said 2006 will see a "cycle of correction" after an infusion of 5,217 units downtown in the past five years. He says that while prices are flattening and sales are slowing, the long-term demand for downtown housing is secure.

Downtown real estate agent Eric Jones added, "Our speculator buyer is gone, which is good. We're glad to see the market settle down."

As the year begins, many say a cooler housing market comes as a relief and that they are hopeful the market will find equilibrium. It is actually a good thing that the frenzy driven by price speculation has been removed, many analysts say.

"You should buy a house if you want to live in that house," said Bostic of USC. "If you're buying it for investment purposes, this is a relatively poor time to do that."

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# As Goes Construction, So Goes Job Growth

## Work Force: Related Industries Feed Off Accelerated Building

■ BY MIKE ALLEN

Thanks to still relatively low interest rates and a generally growing economy, San Diego continued to add more jobs than it lost in the past year.

Although there were ongoing jobs lost in manufacturing and a smattering in professional business services, the construction industry here continued booming — increasing by more than 5,000 and spawning job gains in related businesses.

"When the construction industry is hot, and that includes residential and commercial, a lot of other people get employed," said Marney Cox, chief economist for the San Diego Association of Governments.

According to last month's jobs report from the state, construction employment reached a new high in September in the region with 95,600 jobs directly tied to the activity. The building boom wasn't only generating jobs for carpenters and bricklayers, but full-time positions in engineering, mortgage financing, title and escrow services, building maintenance, and other services connected to the erecting of new homes and other structures.

"The housing industry has been responsible for a big chunk of the new jobs," said Alan Gin, an economist with the University of San Diego. Gin compiles a monthly economic index for the region. "I'd say between a third and 40 percent of the new jobs we got last year are connected to real estate, so if there's a cooling in real estate, we'll probably see a decline (of those jobs) in 2006."

Douglas Barnhart, the president of one of the largest construction firms in the area, said last year reminded him of some of the biggest building booms this area has ever experienced.

"I think we saw a period of time like this in the mid-1980s," Barnhart said.

Because of increased work on projects such as community centers, schools and libraries, Barnhart Inc. boosted its employment from 407 in December 2004 to 510 during the summer, when staffing was at its peak.

## Economic Trends 2006

### Steady Work

Barnhart didn't see any slowdown ahead for his firm in the next two years, but couldn't predict much beyond that.

"A lot depends on how the economy does, and whether the taxpayers want to continue to invest in infrastructure," he said.

**Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co.**, a San Diego-based lender of nonprime mortgages was among the many firms enjoying increased business from the still surging housing market.

During Accredited's third quarter, it originated \$4.5 billion in mortgages, bringing the balance to its portfolio to a record \$9 billion, up 53 percent from the like period of 2004. The company went public in 2003 employed 2,639 workers at the end of September, up from 2,455 employees for the same period of 2004. That included 812 at its local headquarters, up from 792 people at the end of 2004.

Besides construction, other industries showing significant job gains last year include leisure and hospitality, up 6,200 jobs; and educational and health services, up 4,100 jobs.

For November, the latest month available, unemployment stood at 4.2 percent, down from October's 4.4 percent, and from the 4.4 percent rate of November 2004, according to the state Employment Development Department.

Cox said once the state recalculates its numbers to capture many smaller businesses, the overall rate would likely come in around 3.7 percent.

While the latest report said the area created 18,300 net new jobs, Cox said the actual number should be closer to

25,000 and could go as high as 40,000 if the self-employed and domestic jobs are counted.

While the numbers sound great, the fact is the majority of the jobs being created tend to be lower paying, while the area's

durable manufacturing base continues to erode, Gin said.

### Manufacturing Down A Bit

A report done by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, based on the value of the manufacturing industry, found revenues generated from such businesses in 2003, were about \$18 billion compared with the previous year, when about \$24 billion in revenues were generated from local manufacturers.

Last year, according to the EDD's report, the area lost 500 manufacturing jobs to bring its total to 103,200. That was down nearly 16 percent from its total in 2000, when the area had about 122,600 manufacturing jobs.

Although San Diego high-tech and biotech sectors were making headway in terms of creating more higher-paying jobs, the bulk of the gains were coming from the service sectors, particularly in such places as hotels, casinos and retail stores.

Cox saw some gradual strength in the biotech and telecommunications industries here, but said the baton would likely be passed from housing to tourism this year, as a natural slowdown in building and buying occurs.

Neither Cox nor Gin was suggesting an economic recession or decline was near. There were too many positives in place to derail job growth; it just wasn't going to be as robust in 2006 as it was in 2005, both economists said.

Cox was more optimistic on the job front with a forecast of about 25,000. Gin said the total would likely come in about 17,500, down from this year, which would finish between 18,000 and 19,000.

Some in the private sector expected even brighter results this year.

"I'm very optimistic for 2006, and the momentum (from 2005) is very good," said Phil Blair, co-owner and executive officer of **Manpower Staffing**.

According to Manpower's latest survey of 125 local companies, 46 percent expect to hire more people, while an additional 44 percent anticipate maintaining their current staffing levels.

A significant trend that emerged this past year, Blair said, was more local companies moving from hiring temporary workers who may be hired on a permanent basis to simply requesting to fill a permanent opening. The trend was so pronounced that Manpower is setting up new division to fill these permanent vacancies, Blair said.

## Desperate House Cries

By WILL CARLESS  
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At any given time, in any real estate market, there are a number of sellers who really, really need to sell their homes.

Job transfers, job losses, divorces and disasters can all lead a homeowner to become what real estate agents call a "desperate seller." These sellers need to put their homes on the market as soon as possible, and they need them to sell quickly. Making a profit, while nice, is not the driving force behind their sale.

For the past five years, experts said, desperate sellers in San Diego have not lived up to their names. Most homes that were put on the market over this period were soon snatched up by eager investors. For a while it was unusual to see a home listed on the Multiple Listing Service for more than a couple of weeks, and usually anyone who sold was making a healthy profit.

But as the San Diego real estate market has noticeably cooled, the desperate sellers are once again coming, well, desperate.

"They're in a more difficult situation -- those are the type of people who are going to have to take bigger and bigger cuts, in terms of prices," said Alan Gin, professor of economics at the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

Every desperate seller's situation is different, and analysts were quick to point out that there are precious few people who are likely to have lost money in San Diego's superheated real estate market. Anyone who bought more than a year ago should be walking away from their home with a profit, no matter how "desperate" their sale, said Russ Valone, president and CEO of MarketPointe Realty Advisors in San Diego.

"The rate of appreciation was 5 to 11 percent in the recent years," Valone said. "To me, an increase is still an increase."

But as the market cools off, and transitions back to what some real estate agents call a "normal market" -- in which appreciation hovers at more than 5 percent or thereabouts -- desperate sellers would be advised to sell sooner rather than later, one Realtor said.

Diane Kane, co-owner of Help-U-Sell Realty Consultants in Poway, has been selling real estate for 20 years. Anyone looking at the possibility of an out-of-state promotion, a medical problem or financial hardship coming down the pipeline should get out of the home market now, she said.

"Sell now," Kane said. "If you have to rent, rent. We have a lot of people in that situation, who are moving out of state in six months or a year, and they're selling now."

"Or at least trying to sell now," she added.

Gin doesn't necessarily agree with this synopsis. He said he can't see the market getting much worse for sellers over the next two years. It will take longer for sellers to turn over their homes, and this will require giving up some of the equity homeowners have built up, he said, but he doesn't expect to see any panic selling.

Indeed, Sharon Hanley, a Realtor in Oceanside who compiles a weekly report on sales activity in San Diego County, said sales traffic on new homes has actually picked up in the last week. Sales were "par for the course" for January, Hanley said, indicating that the market was actually picking up.

Hanley's advice to desperate home sellers was simple: Get a reliable broker.

She said many sellers have been hurt in the past by self-interested brokers who represent to buyers that a seller is in a difficult situation and will take what they can get for a property. This creates a breakdown in the fair supply-and-demand factors at play when selling a property, she said.


"With a broker who's not really going to push your deal, you can be hurt badly," she said. "That's probably the most important time to make sure you've really got a top-notch broker who really takes the job of being a fiduciary seriously."

While experts agreed that the halcyon days are certainly over for desperate buyers, nobody is sure how the real estate market will play out over the coming months. For sellers with the ability and the inclination to sit out any incoming real estate storm, the message from experts is that waiting it out is the best option. But for those who really must sell in the next six months, the jury is out as to just how desperate they truly are.

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## UPDATE 2-Housing boom fades in South Calif. as sales fall

(Adds background, quotes)

By Jim Christie

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 18 (Reuters) - Home sales across Southern California declined in December as the region's housing boom lost some steam and buyers turned cautious on luxury properties, a report said on Wednesday.

Home sales across the region fell 4.5 percent to 28,952 last month from a year earlier while the median price paid for a home in Southern California rose 13.0 percent to \$479,000. The sales results for the month reflected strong demand in the market's lower and mid-tiers but rising caution among buyers looking for high-end homes, according to the report by DataQuick Information Systems.

The firm defines the Southern California region as Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

"The frenzied part of this real estate cycle is behind us and what we're seeing so far is a normalizing of the market. Mid-market and entry-level homes are selling well, the move-up and prestige markets are leveling off," said Marshall Prentice, president of DataQuick, a real estate information service in La Jolla, California.

Slowing demand for high-priced homes is eroding the overall rate of appreciation for home values in California's most populous region, but at \$479,000 its median-home price matched November's record high, said DataQuick analyst John Karevoll.

The 13-percent rise in Southern California's median-home price was well below the region's peak rate of year-over-year appreciation of 26.9 percent in May 2004.

"What we're watching for here carefully are signs of a significant downturn, especially for price declines ... There are hiccups here and there but as a whole the market does not seem to be showing any signs of an impending decline," Karevoll told Reuters.

### LITTLE SIZZLE IN SAN DIEGO

Analysts have been keeping a close watch on San Diego County, one of the hottest U.S. housing markets in recent years. It had the lowest median-home price increase in December from a year earlier of any Southern California county.

San Diego County's median-home price rose 5.1 percent to \$516,000 from a year earlier, compared with double-digit gains in the region's other counties, Karevoll said.

Low-cost San Bernardino County posted the fastest price appreciation: a 28.5 percent rise to a median of \$361,000. Home sales there rose 5.7 percent from a year earlier, compared with a decline of 11.3 percent for home sales in San Diego County.

"It's clearly a market mix issue," Karevoll said of the trend in home sales in Southern California. "Expensive homes are not selling as fast as inexpensive homes."

In pricey northern San Diego County home buyers are no longer snapping up high-end homes, said Jerry Kurbatoff, owner of an executive search firm in the coastal town of Carlsbad.

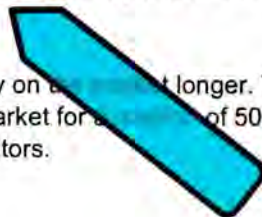
"They're shopping longer," Kurbatoff said, noting a home on his block has been for sale since October and recently had its priced reduced by \$200,000 to \$1.1 million.

"If you have the capital and you don't have to buy, wait it out because the terms are only going to get better for you," Kurbatoff said. "This is what sellers have to get used to."

Home prices in coastal San Diego County were long overdue for a correction, said economist Alan Gin.

"They took a sharper run up in prices, so it makes sense that there's a decrease there," said Gin, of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego. "Some people have been priced out of the housing market, but others are waiting."

The waiting is keeping homes for sale in San Diego County on the market longer. The most recent data - for November - shows a home for sale there staying on the market for an average of 50.5 days, up from 39.3 days a year earlier, according to the California Association of Realtors.



(Additional reporting by Marty Graham in San Diego)

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## Bubble Discussions Are So 2005, Panelists Say

### Oceanside Remains Among County's Affordable Markets

Bubble, bubble, no toil and no trouble. That was the consensus at the Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate, University of San Diego's sixth annual Residential Real Estate Conference, "Outlook 2006," in December.

"I am weary of bubble discussions," was how the keynote speaker, Leslie Appleton-Young, vice president and chief economist for the California Association of Realtors, summed it all up. "A bubble? Not to me. It's a good market, but the frenzy is over."

Her fellow panelists agreed, pretty much echoing the caveat that everything is relative. Yes, appreciation rates are softening, after sky-high spikes, but residential real estate still is a solid investment, compared with stocks and bonds, they say.

Appleton-Young pointed to the "amount of wealth" created because of appreciation, with people "liberating equity and spending their money."

"It isn't going to be happening anywhere where we have seen it in the past in 2006. I think we'll see people staying in their homes longer, refinancing, or remodeling their homes instead," she said.

**Most For The Money:** Bubble or no bubble, Oceanside "remains one of the most affordable housing markets in San Diego County," according to Coldwell Banker Residential

Brokerage of San Diego/Inland Empire.

"Whenever we do comparison pricing for our clients today, Oceanside offers buyers the most house for the money," said Cheree Dracoulakis, a Realtor at the Carlsbad office.

According to the panelists, a 1,500-square-foot detached home with three bedrooms, two baths on a 7,000-square-foot lot for \$500,000, noting median-priced homes in the county are now around \$600,000.

"In Orange County, you couldn't buy anything other than a townhome or condominium for \$500,000," she said. "But if someone is willing to live here and make the drive to Orange County every day, they can own their own home."

**End Of An Era:** A couple of landmark properties in San Diego, both originating in 1926, are being reborn.

The last of the landmark Pickwick Hotel's monthly guests have been relocated to other housing, while the 80-year-old hotel prepares for renovation.

"The process was not an easy one, but the outcome has been so positive for so many, that it was inspiring," said Andrea Winslow Upp, the hotel's general manager.

Built in two phases, original construction was started on the Pickwick in 1926, ending with 234 rooms with full en-suite bathrooms. The marketing slogan back then: "A Room and a Bath for Two and a Half."

Construction on what is planned as a visitors hotel is scheduled early this year, and is expected to be completed in time for the 2006 holiday season. The estimated cost for the rehab is \$16 million.

Meanwhile, renovation of the 1926 Bush's Egyptian Theater is complete, spawning the Egyptian Lofts, an \$18 million mixed-use retail and residential condo project in Hillcrest.

Designed by **Austin Veum Robbins Partners**, the 156,000-square-foot building occupies the corner of Park Boulevard and University Avenue, with 80 one- and two-bedroom condos and 79,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor.

The project was designed to "acknowledge the Egyptian theater revival style, and link it to the modern urban housing surrounding it," according to Austin Veum.

Engineering team members include **Miles Douglas Corp.** as the construction manager; **Glottman Simpson**, structural engineering; project design consultants, civil engineering, **Neal Electric**, electrical; **McParlane and Associates**, mechanical; **Megan Bryan Studio**, interiors; and **Deneen Powell Atlier**, landscaping.

**Sapphire Scoop:** The marketing folks for Sapphire Tower, a 330-story luxury high-rise in Downtown San Diego's Columbia District, gifted media outlets with pints of Haagen-Dazs ice cream, a container of sprinkles and an ice cream scooper to announce that more than 25 percent of the posh homes have been sold in the now-completed first phase.

Boasting ocean and bay views, walls of glass and direct elevator access to the penthouses, "Downtown has never seen such luxury," they tell us.

So, where are the hot fudge and whipped cream then? A few cherries ... some nuts? Just wondering.

**Big Deals:** Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman's San Diego office closed on more than \$1.9 billion — that's with a B — in real estate loans in 2005. The team, led by partner Angela Yates, also included Steven Hamilton, Diane Young and Linda Stanwood.

"Money was plentiful in the real estate and equity markets and, as a result, there was more money chasing good deals," said Yates. "The borrowers benefited from the competition and the lenders made good returns."

Among the transactions she worked on during 2005, Yates represented lenders for projects at the former Naval Training Center in San Diego, involving construction loans for residential and office projects, and for renovation of historic buildings.

Yates predicts that 2006 will bring more infill projects in Downtown's Gaslamp Quarter.

The 45,000-square-foot Torrey Hills Family Medical Center in Carmel Valley has been sold for \$19.3 million. The buyer was **Torrey Hills Medical Building, LLC** and the seller was **Sorrento Hills Marketplace, LP**. Paul Braun of Colliers International brokered the transaction.

**S.R. Market Properties** has sold Scripps Ranch Market Place Phase II, a 28,700-square-foot multi-tenant retail center in Scripps Ranch.

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# Effects of Housing Market Slowdown Show in 2006

*Experts predict San Diego home sales will return to normal levels, impacting mortgage, construction companies*

BY MANDY JACKSON  
CREJ Staff Writer

**S**ome housing experts are calling it a slowdown; some are calling it a return to normal. Either way, they are predicting a less active residential real estate market in 2006.

Still, job losses are expected in some industries as homebuilding slows and fewer people take on new mortgages or refinance old loans. The home sales and construction industry will certainly keep a close eye on sales volumes and median prices, as will office landlords whose tenants include mortgage companies and homebuilders.

"The housing market did slow last year, but it is at very healthy levels, historically speaking," said Peter Dennehy, senior vice president of San Diego-based Sullivan Group Real Estate Advisors.

Dennehy said 2005 was slower in San Diego County than in 2004, but when the final data is gathered, it will still show more new-home sales last year than during 2001, 2002 or 2003.

"Appreciation has cut demand to some extent. Year-end 2005 will be similar to year-end 2004, or slightly less. There will be a mild decline in 2006," he said.

The California Building Industry Association forecast that housing construction will drop slightly in 2006, producing 185,000 to 205,000 apartments, condominiums and houses throughout the state, down from 212,000 units during each of the previous two years.

The association expects new home prices to increase by 5 percent to 8 percent in 2006, compared with 25 percent to 30 percent during each of the past few years.

According to the California Association of Realtors, existing home price appreciation was only 8.7 percent in 2001, but grew to 20.5 percent in 2002, 17.9 percent in 2003, 21 percent in 2004 and 16 percent in 2005.

CAR Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young said at a December housing conference hosted by the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate that the median resale price is expected to increase 10 percent to \$575,500 in 2006.

Appleton-Young said the state's single-family home resales were expected to total 630,610 units this year, down 2 percent from 2005.

Since homebuilding will most likely decrease slightly this year, the California Building Industry Association predicts some construction-job losses.

California is expected to add 200,000 to 250,000 jobs in all industries in 2006, down from 400,000 total new jobs in 2005. In 2004 and 2005, the construction industry provided one out of every seven new jobs in California, accounting for 13 percent of new jobs, but the CBIA predicts some pullback in 2006.

In San Diego, Dennehy expects developers to provide about the same number of homes and jobs this year as they did in 2005 because housing demand remains strong.

"I can't think of any reason why we wouldn't have roughly the same level of construction employment. I don't know of many builders that are doing less building, but maybe about the same as last year," Dennehy said.

## Looking for Other Options

Some builders, such as Newport Beach-based Fieldstone Communities Inc., are pulling out of San Diego because they're running out of sites for building suburban single-family homes, Dennehy said.

After 20 years in San Diego, Fieldstone announced in December that it would reduce its local operation to focus on the Inland Empire and Los Angeles. The company will be a land developer in San Diego but build homes in other Southern California regions.

While land is scarce in San Diego County and new-home sales seem to have cooled slightly due in part to higher interest rates, demand for housing hasn't gone away entirely, Dennehy noted.

"People are still buying homes, but prices are not going up as much," he said.

With stabilizing home prices and rising interest rates, some buyers are attracted to rental properties. For example, at Rolling Hills Ranch in Chula Vista, Shea Homes is giving buyers free upgrades, such as stainless steel appliances and



The Olson Co. started building Bougainvillea Walk in La Mesa last year, but housing experts predict slightly fewer homes will be constructed in California in 2006.

granite countertops in townhomes priced from the low \$400,000s.

Developers converting apartments to for-sale condominiums have offered hefty incentives in San Diego County, including no closing costs, price reductions, rebates, new cars, plasma televisions and airline tickets.

With fewer home sales on the horizon and rising interest rates pushing some buyers and potential refinancings out of the market, mortgage companies may be the next real estate market segment to turn aggressive.

Thirty-year mortgage interest rates reached 6.22 percent at the end of 2005, up from 5.81 percent a year earlier but lower than 6.26 percent the week before.

Even commercial real estate owners are worried that a slowdown in the market will take out some mortgage companies.

"I've got a couple landlords, a couple of clients of mine, that don't even want us to consider mortgage companies right now, unless it's a really good-credit tenant," said Eric Northbrook, a senior director at Cushman & Wakefield in San Diego.

Business has not slowed enough that mortgage companies have started putting significant blocks of office space back on the market, but

landlords are wary as they keep an eye on the residential real estate market's performance.

Landlords have not shown the same concern about construction companies and homebuilders, Northbrook said, because they don't seem to be slowing down yet, regardless of rising construction costs.

Rising material prices and labor costs, in addition to stabilizing housing prices, are making developers more cautious about what they'll pay for land, even though those prices have yet to decline.

Land is so limited in San Diego that until there's a long-lasting downturn in home-sales activity, prices won't fall, Dennehy said.

"If land is available, builders will buy it. It's a wary land market, but it's not in any kind of decline," he said.

While many homebuilders are still interested in buying San Diego County development sites, they are unlikely to bid prices far above market rates for the property. Land prices are moderating before new development becomes infeasible.

With that kind of discipline in the housing market, Dennehy is optimistic about 2006.

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# Bubble burst?

Experts say one thing clear:  
High demand for housing,  
steep costs for San Diego

By Kate Kowsh  
THE EAST COUNTY CALIFORNIAN

The future of San Diego's real estate market seems like it has more forecasts than the weather. One thing's for sure, though, if you want to live here, you gotta pay. Homes in San Diego are not cheap.

According to DataQuik Information Systems, in 2005, the median price for a resale, single-family home in East County was \$515,000. That's a 9.6 percent increase from 2004's \$ 470,000.

With the prices of homes steadily increasing for the past several years, the looming question is, "When will the bubble burst?"

If you ask any real estate agent, they'll give you the most optimistic opinion. However, there are those who

believe what goes up must come down sometime. Rich Toscano, editor of the *Econo-Almanac*, is an independent real estate analyst residing in San Diego. He has lectured about the housing market at the University of California, San Diego, and the University of San Diego Graduate School of Business. Financial publications and newspapers like *Money* magazine and *The LA Times* have also sought after his views.

His Web site [www.piggington.com](http://www.piggington.com), is filled with graphs, charts and figures regarding San Diego's real estate market. On it, he states, "Nobody can predict exactly how a market is going to play itself out; the best one can do is to assess the probabilities of potential outcomes. To that end, my purpose ... is to

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explain why the *probability* of a serious housing downturn is far higher ... than most market participants acknowledge."

As for whether or not there is evidence of a bubble burst, Toscano states, "Conventional wisdom goes

***"Conventional wisdom goes that Southern California is experiencing a severe housing crisis with no end in sight.***

- Rich Toscano  
Real estate analyst

that Southern California is experiencing a severe housing crisis with no end in sight. A lack of developable land, years of under building, and a huge surge in population due to Southern California's desirability as a place to live have engendered a serious imbalance between housing demand and supply. Adding fuel to the fire is the

fact that Southern California's wealth has grown significantly due to its robust and diverse economy. With all these factors at work, we are told; it's no wonder that home prices have risen so spectacularly. However, the remainder of the above thesis is entirely off the mark."

However, bubble or no bubble, people still need a place to live. For those looking to buy a home in San Diego, who are not millionaires, the San Diego Housing Commission offers housing assistance programs for first-time buyers. Funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the commission was established by the San Diego City Council in 1979. Through an assortment of programs like rental assistance and financial aid for first-time homebuyers, the commission houses more than 75,000 people each year.

However, there are some speed bumps along the way. As anyone could guess, due to the astronomically priced real estate, the demand for assistance in San Diego is high. That, combined with the inadequate amount of federal funding they receive, the commission anticipates a waiting period for applicants of five to seven

years.

To view eligibility requirements and apply for this program, applications are available at [www.sdhc.net](http://www.sdhc.net) or by going to the main office at 1625 Newton Ave., San Diego, CA, 92113.

According to the El Cajon Community Development Corporation (CDC) Web site, [www.downtownelcajon.com](http://www.downtownelcajon.com), "El Cajon CDC creates a healthy community by increasing public and private investment in El Cajon, and providing safe and affordable housing opportunities for all residents within its boundaries."

The city of El Cajon's Web site, [www.ci.el-cajon.ca.us](http://www.ci.el-cajon.ca.us), describes the CDC as a nonprofit, community-based organization that offers several options in assisting buyers.

"Generally the programs provide up to \$60,000, or 20 percent of the purchase price or appraised value (whichever is less) for down payment, plus up to \$5,000 for closing cost assistance."

However, requirements like income limitations, first-time buyer status make the eligible a small minority. Buyers also have to apply through a Participating Lender who will provide the first mortgage. For more information, visit the city's Web site.



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**MARK HULBERT**

## Trading the change at the Fed Commentary: History offers few clues to post Greenspan era

*By Mark Hulbert, MarketWatch*

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**ANNANDALE, Va. (MarketWatch) -- January is Alan Greenspan's last month as chairman of the Federal Reserve. How will the stock market react to his leaving?**

You might worry that it will perform poorly. Greenspan has been immensely popular on Wall Street, after all. Furthermore, no one can tell at this point whether his successor, Ben Bernanke, will be able to fill Greenspan's huge shoes.

And the stock market hates uncertainty.

Yet these anxieties are not supported by an analysis of the other occasions over the last century in which a new chairman has taken over the reigns at the Federal Reserve.

To be sure, given the small sample size, it would take a lot to convince a statistician that the market did perform any differently when past Fed chairmen took office. Counting Alan Greenspan, there have been only 13 chairmen of the Federal Reserve.

And one of those 13 took office in August 1914, when the stock market was closed because of World War I. So in looking to history to see how the stock market will react as Ben Bernanke takes over from Alan Greenspan, we have only a dozen precedents.

Even if the stock market had fallen on all 12 of those prior occasions, a statistician most likely would nevertheless conclude that this doesn't mean anything.

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In any case, the stock market has not always fallen. In fact, in the wake of some Fed chairman taking office, it did very well indeed.

During the first three months of Eugene Black's term as Fed Chairman in 1933, for example, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (\$INDU: , , ) gained more than 15 percent.


To be sure, on other occasions it did very poorly. During the first three months of Eugene Meyer's term in 1930, for instance, the DJIA fell by nearly 30 percent.

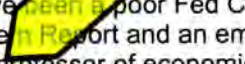
(Being named Eugene was apparently a requirement of the job in the early 1930s...)

But when we average the good and the bad together, there is no statistically significant difference between the market's performance when new Fed chairmen take office and its returns on all other occasions.

My review of the historical data did reveal one important pattern, however: The stock market's immediate reaction to a new Fed Chairman has little to do with the reputation he eventually will have on Wall Street.

Just take Alan Greenspan's first months in office. His first day at the job was August 11, 1987, and less than three months later came the 1987 stock market crash, the worst one-day decline in U.S. stock market history.

Yet, today, Greenspan's reputation on Wall Street is  or two below saint.

In contrast, consider the stock market's performance in the first months of G. William Miller's tenure in 1978. Miller is generally considered to have  a poor Fed Chairman, according to Dan Seiver, editor of a newsletter called the PAD System Report and an emeritus professor of economics at Miami University of Ohio and currently a visiting professor of economics and finance at San Diego State University and the University of San Diego.

Yet the DJIA gained nearly 15 percent in the first three months of Miller's tenure, and was up nearly 20 percent over the first six months.

The bottom line? History tells us little about how the stock market will react to Greenspan's being succeeded by Ben Bernanke. Furthermore, even if the market were to drop during Bernanke's first months in office, this would not necessarily mean that his eventual reputation on Wall Street will be poor.

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Stuart and Karen Tanz received the NeighborHelp Community Service Award for 2005. *Charlie Neuman / Union-Tribune*

## Couple honored for being good neighbors

By Diane Welch

RANCHO SANTA FE — Few people exemplify the spirit of giving like Stuart and Karen Tanz.

"They truly give so much of their time, money and hearts," said Muffy Walker, a neighbor and friend of the Rancho residents. She met the couple when they moved in next door seven years ago.

Six years ago, Walker founded a nonprofit organization, NeighborHelp, with a mission to advocate equal opportunities for all members of

The Ranch and to raise funds for people in need.

The Tanzes soon made friends with Walker, and when asked to help with fundraising for NeighborHelp, they didn't hesitate, said Walker, the president of the organization. For their commitment and hard work, the Tanzes were awarded the NeighborHelp Community Service Award for 2005.

"There are needy people in Rancho Santa Fe," said Karen Tanz. She mentioned a child who lives in a caretaker's quarters of a resident's home. The boy and his family need help to pay for extras such as after-school programs, sixth-grade camp and field trips. NeighborHelp offers donations.

It's neighbors helping neighbors, Tanz said.

Stuart Tanz serves on the advisory council for the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate, mentoring gradu-

ate students. He is president and CEO of Pan Pacific Retail Properties, an investment trust specializing in neighborhood shopping centers.

He also serves on the board of the Burnham Institute for Medical Research and is on the policy advisory board of the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

"He's been a major sponsor of many of our events," said Mark Reidy, executive director of the Burnham-Moores Center, which organizes and sponsors real estate conventions.

Karen Tanz's parents were Scottish immigrants who settled in Toronto.

"It was just expected of us when growing up that we'd help others," she said.

Her great-grandmother would make a big pot of soup to share with neighbors.

"If more people showed up, she'd just add another potato," Karen Tanz said.

The Tanzes, who moved to Rancho Santa Fe in 1989, have two children, Sarah, 17, and Zach, 13.

Karen Tanz has been on the board of the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center. She also is involved with Kids Korps, Children's Hospital, San Pasqual Academy and the San Diego Film Festival.

Lauretta Prestera, a former chairman of the film festival, said "Karen wants to make the world a better place. She doesn't forget where she came from, and she genuinely wants to make a difference."

The Tanzes, who are in their 40s, say they will continue to volunteer for local charities as long as they are able.

"They love this community, and their tireless generosity and dedication is greatly appreciated," Walker said.

**Diane Welch** is a freelance writer from Solana Beach.



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William Lyon Homes has hired **Donna Ruane** as community sales manager. She has 14 years of experience with selling homes and most recently was with California Pacific Homes. **Debbie Dolan** and **Darlene Scott** have joined Re/Max Distinctive Properties as real estate sales agents. **Elaine Wozniak**, MSRE director and research director at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego, has been appointed to distinguished fellow for the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

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# Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Names New VP Corporate Strategy

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MIAMI, Jan. 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE: RCL - News), which operates both Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises, today announced that Vance Johnston has been named vice president of Corporate Strategy for the global cruise vacation company.

Johnston will be responsible for leading the company's strategic planning processes, corporate development activities and other major initiatives, and will report to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Luis Leon.

Johnston joins RCCL after serving as vice president of Strategic Planning and Development for OfficeMax, Inc. Prior to that, he held a variety of senior executive positions in strategic planning, operations and finance with organizations including Burger King, OfficeMax, Ernst & Young LLP, and Peat Marwick LLP. Johnston has significant experience in mergers and acquisitions, strategy development and international operations.

"We're thrilled to have someone with Vance's experience and demonstrated record of success fill this vital position," said Leon. "I'm confident he will make an immediate positive impact on our growing business."

Johnston holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree in Business from the University of San Diego.


Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. is a global cruise vacation company that operates Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises, with a combined total of 28 ships in service and three under construction. The company also offers unique land-tour vacations in Alaska, Canada and Europe through its cruise-tour division. Additional information can be found on <http://www.royalcaribbean.com>, <http://www.celebrity.com> or <http://www.rclinvestor.com>.

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## Cal National Adds Juneau, Saraiya, Lombardo to Its Community Banking Group

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 26, 2006--Stephanie Juneau, Anita Saraiya and Marni Lombardo are the latest additions to California National Bank's Community Banking Group.

Stephanie will serve as Regional Vice President of the group's Orange County team. This new team will deliver "best in class" business banking products and services including local lending authority through a regional office located at 1301 Dove Street in Newport Beach. Prior to joining Cal National, Juneau served as a Senior Relationship Manager for U.S. Bank in Orange County. Prior to U.S. Bank, she worked at Wells Fargo for 10 years in retail and commercial banking. Juneau graduated from Wells Fargo's credit management training program in San Francisco and holds a B.A. from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Anita has joined Cal National as a VP, Relationship Manager in the Newport Beach Regional Commercial Banking Office. She brings with her more than 15 years of experience from Union Bank of California in the commercial lending arena and graduated from the management training program in Los Angeles. In addition to lending, Anita was the Finance Director for a privately owned company for 3 1/2 years. A graduate of Cal State Northridge, she joins Cal National with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm.


Marni will serve as Loan Team Manager for Los Angeles and Orange County commercial banking teams. With experience from Wells Fargo, Lombardo has served as Senior Relationship Manager for U.S. Bank in the Newport Beach office for the past 4 years. Lombardo graduated from the University of San Diego with a BS in Finance. She also graduated from Wells Fargo's credit management training program in San Francisco.

Todd Hollander, President of the Community Banking Group, comments, "All three of these professionals know the market and are skilled decision makers who share in the Bank's commitment to the customer and its core value of making a difference in the lives of others."

Cal National Bank, headquartered in downtown Los Angeles, is a \$5.3 billion asset commercial bank specializing in commercial real estate, commercial and retail banking, and maintains 66 retail banking offices in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties.

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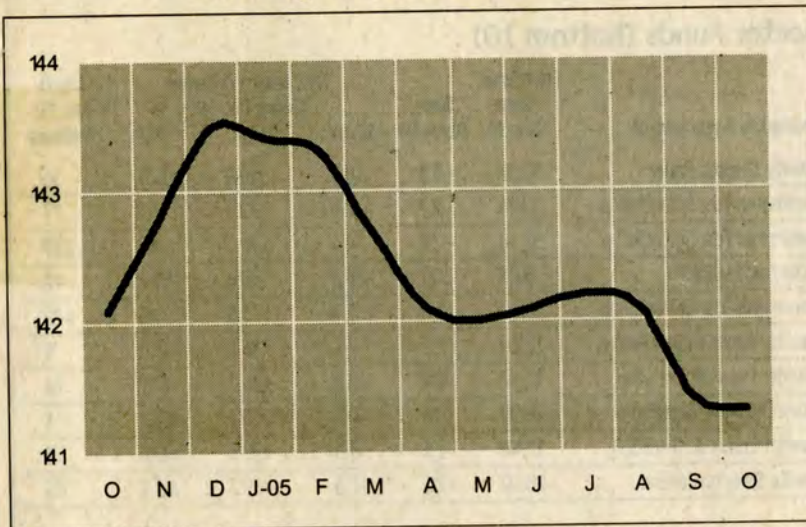
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# San Diego Economy Snapshot

## Leading economic indicators



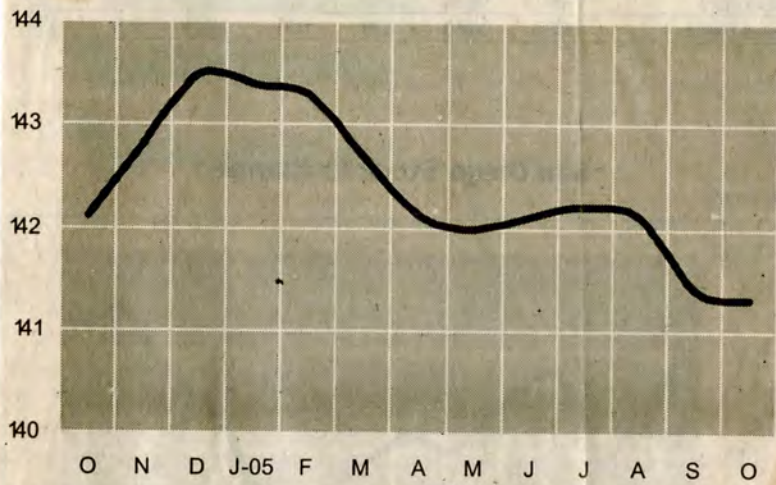
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The monthly changes in leading indicators (initial claims for unemployment insurance, local stock prices, outlook for the national economy, consumer confidence, building permits and help advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Al [redacted] urban economics professor at University of San Diego. The highest monthly rate was 143.3 in December 2004.

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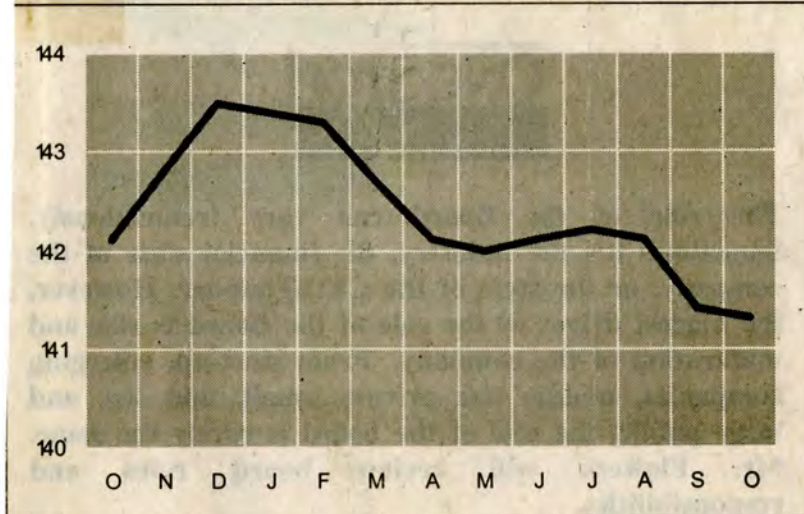


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## U.S. must help craft future as clout shifts to Asia, official says

### Ambassador talks policy in San Diego

By **David E. Graham**  
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On a stop in San Diego after negotiating political thickets with North Korea and in Cambodia, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asia said political power is shifting from Europe to Asia, and "our country needs to be engaged there."

"The century of Asia is this time truly upon us," Ambassador Christopher R. Hill said Friday afternoon.

For two centuries U.S. political alliances with Europe predominated, but greater prosperity and political influence are giving Asia, particularly China, greater clout.

"We need to be out there helping to shape the future," said Hill, a career foreign service officer.

He was in town to speak Friday night at the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, where he reviewed American policy in the region.

While acknowledging differences with China on some issues, including human rights, he said China will be engaged in the world everywhere the United States is and "we need to understand them."

In Cambodia a couple of weeks ago, Hill asked Prime Minister Hun Sen for and received the release of four human rights activists jailed for criticizing him.

"It's clear to me Cambodia faces some very serious challenges," Hill said in the interview. Hun Sen has brought charges over recent months against several people, including a journalist, a union leader and an opposition political figure, who criticized the prime minister. His actions have led diplomats and other analysts to wonder if the country, racked 30 years ago by the Khmer Rouge, is becoming a one-party state.

Hill described the situation as "a very definite concern."

Hill said that after some involved discussion, Hun Sen said he would release the four activists as "a gift" to Hill, and he did, and days later dropped the charges.

"It was the first time I'd ever received a gift of that kind," Hill said.

He urged continual engagement with Cambodia in hopes it does not drift the way of neighboring Myanmar, a military dictatorship. He said the rulers of Myanmar, also known as Burma, continue to lack interest in working with the United States.

He said he is encouraged by Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country, where sentiment toward the

United States improved after American tsunami aid. He said Vietnam is embracing a market economy, including Western companies.

Hill, the lead U.S. negotiator in the talks about North Korea's nuclear weapons program, met in Beijing this month with North Korean officials about restarting the talks. The negotiations, hosted by China and also involving Japan, Russia and South Korea, might resume in February.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said last week that the United States wants to resume "immediately," but North Korea has resisted because of other U.S. policies.

Hill said a key is whether incentives the United States has offered are "truly what they want."

It might be that they are not, and Kim Jong Il's government wants nuclear weapons and to be isolated. Even if some believe Kim Jong Il is beyond reason, people should not disregard the possibilities the talks could succeed, Hill said.

Before returning to Washington today, Hill said he planned to see his Bowdoin College roommate, Robert Hoehn, of Hoehn Motors, and "hang out with Bob."

Married with three children, Hill is a former U.S. ambassador to Poland, Macedonia and South Korea. He also speaks Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian and Albanian.

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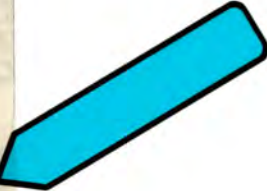
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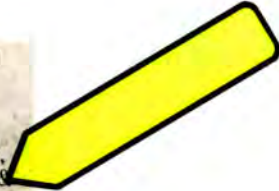




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## Justice Department taps USD professor to study bankruptcy system

### Law Briefs

By Doug Sherwin

University of San Diego School of Law professor Mary Jo Wiggins has been selected by the U.S. Justice Department to help study fraud and abuse in the bankruptcy system. She will serve as a consultant for a project conducted by the **RAND Corp.**

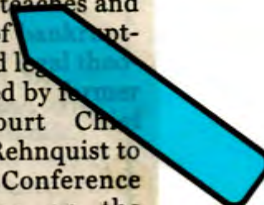
The goal of the project is to develop a white paper on the identification of fraud and abuse in the bankruptcy system and to develop a research agenda to address these issues. Wiggins' principal task will be to review RAND's work product and provide guidance on "best practices" for the integrity and accountability of the bankruptcy system.

A member of the USD faculty

since 1990, Wiggins teaches and writes in the areas of bankruptcy, property, race and law. She was appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy. The Judicial Conference is the national policymaking body of the federal courts.

Wiggins is of counsel to the law firm **Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP.**  
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**HEADLINE:** When Disney wishes upon a Pixar FRANK PARTNOY

**BYLINE:** By FRANK PARTNOY

**BODY:**

The Disney brand was built on fairy tales: princesses who suffer unimaginable hardships, princes who save them and cartoon characters who inhabit strange, wonderful worlds. When Walt Disney came to Hollywood in 1923, his pilot film was called Alice's Wonderland.

The Walt Disney Company's latest fantasy is the plan to reawaken its film business by paying Dollars 7bn (Pounds 3.9bn) for Pixar, a 775-employee company that has made six computer-animated films since its founding 20 years ago. Robert Iger, Disney's new chief executive, says animation is the key to his company's future, and Pixar is the top digital animation studio: it has 18 Academy Awards and its films have grossed more than Dollars 3bn.

Most reports have portrayed the Disney-Pixar negotiations as a personality play, between Mr Iger and Steven Jobs, Pixar's head. Both have much to gain from a deal. Mr Iger could secure top animation talent, something his predecessor, Michael Eisner, could not do; and Mr Jobs would be Disney's largest shareholder, at 7 per cent, with a platform for cross-selling products from Apple, the other company he leads.

But like a classic Disney feature, this deal, if it comes off, would be about much more than the main characters. It is an allegory of what is right and wrong with large companies, particularly in media and technology.

Disney has become a pathologically dysfunctional organisation. Like IBM of the 1970s or AT&T in the 1980s, Disney grew fat and bureaucratic in the 1990s, long after cementing its lucrative entertainment franchise. Some of Disney's problems are endemic to large corporations. When a company has 133,000 employees, it cannot be governed by human beings. Instead, it must rely on a culture to preserve its earlier entrepreneurialism, while focusing workers on the continuing mission.

Unfortunately, Disney's culture, like that of IBM and AT&T, encouraged inefficiency and stifled creativity. Over the past five years, Disney's shares have lost a third of their value and the company has

became a corporate governance pariah. Many thought the low point was the fiasco surrounding Michael Ovitz, who left Disney with Dollars 140m after just 14 months. But more troubling was the release of the abysmal *Treasure Planet*, a film that cost about as much as Mr Ovitz and avoided universal ignominy only because so few people saw it.

To survive and prosper, large organisations must be divided into manageable pods, whose workers have independence and incentive. In contrast to Disney, Pixar was just such a freestanding, free-spirited group with a relaxed, open-plan office and no signs of managerial hierarchy. John Lasseter, Pixar's creative leader, wore Hawaiian shirts and rode a scooter inside. When Pixar won Oscars, employees displayed the statues proudly but dressed them in Barbie doll clothing. Whereas Disney executives micromanaged films, including those with Pixar, Mr Lasseter let his crew run free and encouraged ideas.

In many ways, Pixar was an old-fashioned, entrepreneurial company, built on the foundational incentives that Frank Knight, the early 20th century economist, had described as the linchpin of successful corporate activity. Mr Knight argued that companies would be best managed when a single human being held a large stake. This view makes especially good sense for today's technology companies, where production is driven by small groups of entrepreneurs with the incentives and skills to innovate. Mr Jobs owns more than half of Pixar's shares and has been the driving force to maximise share value. He is a proven risk-taker, a quintessential Knightian entrepreneur. Unlike Disney's top executives, who were handsomely rewarded with salary, bonus and stock options, Mr Jobs has earned a total salary at Pixar over three years of just Dollars 157, not even enough to buy a new iPod, and he did not receive stock options.

Even if the deal is concluded, no one, including Mr Jobs, will have a large enough stake in the game at Disney to play entrepreneur. Besides, Mr Jobs is more likely to focus on running Apple. In general, companies without an entrepreneur suffer when they grow. Examples abound today. Large technology groups do defensive patenting, building thickets of intellectual property, not because they have good ideas but because they want protection from smaller rivals who might. Big drug companies do not invent new drugs; they buy companies that do. And so on.

The key question for a possible Disney-Pixar deal is, which company's culture would survive: large or small? Would Pixar become "Disneyfied"? Or would Disney adopt Pixar's model and unshackle its other business units? In its formative years, Disney was a craft workshop, led by a handful of brilliant minds. Over time, the leaders lost sight of their mission and product. Mr Iger's challenge is to remake Disney with a small-company culture that rewards experimentation and encourages innovation. As a Pixar employee noted: "What you need to create is the most trusting environment possible where people can screw up." And, one might add, live happily ever after.

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# Why your natural gas bills have soared this winter

## Traders take prices on roller-coaster ride

By Greg Burns  
Tribune senior correspondent

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Once considered dull and predictable, the market for natural gas has become the hottest around, sparking controversy as sky-high heating bills arrive in the midst of some of the wildest commodity trading ever.

Natural gas prices more than doubled through most of last year, only to plunge 44 percent in the past few weeks. A comparable move in the stock market would have propelled the Dow Jones industrial average from its mid-10,000 level a year ago to well past 20,000, then down to 13,000 again.

Instead, the Dow has risen a mere 3.2 percent in the past 12 months, sending traders in search of action piling into the market for natural gas. The resulting roller-coaster ride promises to continue into the spring.

Home heating bills rarely move in lock step with commodity markets, since many utilities smooth the ups and downs by averaging gas charges over time and hedging their exposure. But some critics believe the boom in trading has raised the cost of a basic necessity far past the point that fundamental factors such as the weather alone would justify.

"People getting a bigger-than-average heating bill aren't going to be hearing that a natural-gas trader got an eight-figure bonus, but that's the reality," said Frank Partnoy, a law professor at the University of San Diego and author of a book on corruption in the financial markets. "In this game of trading natural gas, the traders are usually the winners and the utilities are usually the losers."

Indeed, the companies providing gas to consumers can never fully shield themselves when shocks roil the markets, noted John Snell, a Chicago financial consultant who helps utilities manage risks. That means consumers, eventually, will pay for higher prices in the marketplace, he said. "We're never going to be 100 percent covered."

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Yet Snell and others contend that even aggressive speculators help establish accurate prices for natural gas over time. "They can create excesses in the market," he said. "But nobody ever complains when prices get beaten down by the speculators."

Compared with fundamentals such as Hurricane Katrina, the early cold snap and recent balmy temperatures, trading activity has affected prices only at the extremes, said Michael Hiley, head of energy products at the Fimat financial-services firm.

The impact of hedge funds, those fast-growing investment partnerships behind some of the boldest trading, mostly shows up at the market's peaks and valleys by pushing a trend further than it would have gone otherwise. In the recent rally that ended abruptly last month, Hiley said, only "the last two or three dollars of that was the funds."

Natural gas trading used to be a boring affair even after deregulation began phasing in during the late 1970s. Not until 1993 did a certain Houston energy company get a free hand to trade over-the-counter without government supervision.

Enron Corp. is widely credited with fostering the market's development into its current freewheeling form. As Partnoy puts it: "Enron is the place these seeds were planted."

Unlike its businesses marred by phantom profits, Enron's gas trading made more money than practically anyone recognized at the time, according to Partnoy. The company tried to downplay its windfalls, partly to appease Wall Street investors leery of shoot-the-moon trading operations, and partly because it had a lot to hide--especially its manipulation of the flawed California energy market in 2000 and 2001.

Using abusive strategies with nicknames such as "Death Star" and "Get Shorty," Enron and other sharp operators spawned rolling blackouts across the state and sent utility bills skyrocketing, costing California consumers an estimated \$7.5 billion.

Yet the business of gas trading offered legitimate opportunities for buying low and selling high as well, and it more than survived Enron's collapse and the wave of indictments that followed.

Traders such as John Arnold of Centaurus Energy, who reportedly made a fortune for Enron in its heyday, now operate hedge funds or trade for the big banks and energy companies that have since taken over the business.

The market action of recent years follows a long period of relative inactivity. A supply bubble kept prices in check, which in turn encouraged more use of a commodity once viewed as a throwaway.

Interstate pipelines that were developed after World War II turned natural gas from a nuisance that drillers routinely torched at the well into an energy-industry darling: clean, cheap and readily available in North America.

Gas started competing with coal for electrical power generation, and heating row after row of new McMansions. At the same time, however, low prices discouraged investment in drilling, technology and facilities for handling the liquid version of the gas, which can be imported via tanker ship like oil, if the price is right.

"Everyone had this perception natural gas was cheap and plentiful," said Phil Flynn, senior market analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "It was a market you could set your watch by. It would run up in the winter and down in the summer. It was a very quiet little market."

Energy traders typically focused on oil, which responded sharply to global events, and had extensive information available about supply and demand.

"In the oil business, you have a lot of good statistics you can sink your teeth into," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "In natural gas, you have a lot less. It moves much more on the basis of crowd behavior."

That tendency to move with the crowd became more pronounced once the supply surplus turned into a squeeze. As usage rose, production came under pressure. Old wells were depleted, and new wells yielded less than those discovered in the past.

By 2003, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan was warning Congress to beware: "We are not apt to return to earlier periods of relative abundance and lower prices anytime soon."

Talk about understatement. As more gas went to produce electricity, the market started reacting to summer demand for air-conditioning in the South as well as winter demand for heat in the North. A new interest among long-term investors in funds that track physical commodities such as gold, oil and natural gas also buoyed prices.

"When the market is moving, it's like a magnet that draws money and traders to it," noted Larry Young, senior trader at Infinity Brokerage Services in Chicago.

When the hurricanes hit, speculators were in their element. Rita and Katrina plowed through gas-production rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, raising the specter of severe shortages. Only a couple of months later, temperatures plunged across the Midwest and Northeast, where heating demand is greatest. Prices that had hovered around \$2 per million BTUs years ago shot up to \$15.78 as of Dec. 13.

That price made sense only if a new Ice Age had dawned, said analyst Kloza, but the market seemed to defy gravity until the cold snap broke a few days before Christmas.

"These are markets where overreaction follows overreaction. It's manic or it's depressive. It never gets even," said Kloza. "You have the equivalent of a Dow that moves 4,000 or 5,000 points in a month."

Sure enough, prices plunged in concert with the thaw. Futures for February delivery at the New York Mercantile Exchange closed Friday at \$8.79 per million BTUs, the lowest closing price since Aug. 9.

Besides the weather, traders are now keeping close tabs on what they term "demand destruction": Gas users responding to high prices by switching to alternate fuels, turning down thermostats or otherwise cutting back. Those same high prices promise to increase supply, too, by encouraging drilling and investment in the infrastructure needed for liquid-gas imports.

In the short-term, though, the warm weather dominates the market, and as Infinity's Young pointed out, "If we get a severe cold snap, it can change again in a heartbeat."

Whenever investors approach him about trading natural gas, Young said, he stresses the risks. He said he warns them how "this is one of the most volatile markets you can trade. It just goes until you say, 'Uncle.'" It has relatively high financial requirements too.

By the time he's done outlining the pitfalls, Young said, "Most people say, 'Thanks, but no thanks.'"



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**BODY:**

David Blight, the director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University, moderated a panel called "The Enduring Legacy of Slavery" on Thursday at the New-York Historical Society. Cosponsored by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the New York County Lawyers' Association, the event was part of the Bernard and Irene Schwartz distinguished speakers series.

Mr. Blight had posed questions in advance to the panelists: Should repair for the past injustice of slavery be a major policy agenda in America? Why or why not? What forms might such a plan or discussion or debate best take? What are some manifestations of legacies of slavery and its aftermath in America, or how would we know a legacy if we meet one?

Mr. Blight attempted to define the term "legacy." He said it could be another word for historical memory, but "often carries a current, present - even political - meaning." He said perhaps a legacy is what is left in public memory, behavior, and policy after historians, museums, and teachers have had their say.

Georgetown University School of Business lecturer Richard America opened with a case for reparations. He said there are causal connections between the relatively high affluence in white communities and the continuing chronic poverty among many blacks. He said slavery and Jim Crow transferred earned income from blacks to whites systematically: a large class currently enjoy benefits that were produced by the past systemic arrangements. He said one way of looking at slavery was as a "100% income tax." He called for direct capital grants for education, housing, and commercial development over two generations. He said there eventually would be nationwide consensus about this, quoting Winston Churchill, "You can always count on the Americans to do the right thing - after they've tried everything else."

University of San Diego law professor Roy Brooks largely concurred with Mr. America, saying that slavery is the primary, but not the only, source of deep disadvantages that many blacks continue to

encounter presently. He offered an analogy: A black and a white person are playing a game of poker that has been in progress for almost 400 years. The white man has been cheating but says there will now be a new game with new players and no more cheating. "Well that's great. I've been waiting to hear you say that," says the black man. "But what are you going to do with all those poker chips that have stacked up on your side of the table?" The white player responds, "I'm going to keep them here for the next generation of white players."

"I think I see the issue in a very different way," said Manhattan Institute senior fellow John McWhorter. He said affirmative action could be seen as having been a reparation, as well as welfare in the late 1960s. He went on to examine why, as he viewed it, those earlier reparations haven't worked. "Something happened to poor black America in the late 1960s - not as a legacy of slavery - that turned poor black America upside down." He said they were part of a "vast cultural change." He said in Detroit in the 1920s there were many poor black men who worked at an auto plant that was an hour and a half commute. He said in William Julius Wilson's "When Work Disappears" their contemporary equivalents were less interested in such work, citing reasons such as having to get up "really early."

University of Pennsylvania professor Mary Frances Berry responded by saying many blacks in Mr. Wilson's book were unable to get menial jobs because employers preferred to hire undocumented workers "so that they could exploit them and pay them less and abuse them and threaten them with sending them back."

She traced reparations to a black woman named Callie House, who was imprisoned after launching a movement to give pensions to old ex-slaves, of which there were only 1.9 million left in the census in 1900. To those who say, "Why should we have reparations? All the people are dead who were slaves," Ms. Berry said the government gave short shrift to such an attempt when the ex-slaves were still alive: "Closeness in time to the tragedy didn't help them."

The evening ended on a lighter note. Mr. America said he had once given a presentation on reparations to a second-year law class at American University that was approximately 60% women. He recalled the response: "Well, what about us?" they said. "Half of the human race has been exploited by you guys for the last 20,000 years. And I said, 'No, we've got to draw the line somewhere.'"

"That will be a different session," added Mr. Blight, to audience laughter.

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## Builders Bet on Mexico

Will U.S. Baby Boomers  
Cross the Border to Retire?

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Loreto Bay Co. is a real-estate developer based in Scottsdale, Ariz., a magnet for retirees from all over the U.S. So you might expect the company to be working on a project nearby. Instead, this small firm has its sights trained further south, about 700 miles from the U.S. border, in Baja California.

Teaming up with FONATUR, Mexico's tourism development agency, Loreto Bay is developing a seaside town, with plans for 6,000 units ranging from \$280,000 condos to \$1 million custom-built beach houses. The company has taken orders for 554 homes and has 200 under construction. Most of the buyers, says James Grogan, president and chief executive, are Americans and Canadians.



Loreto Bay Company

The Villages of Loreto Bay, in the Mexican baja, feature shady streets with native plants. It's one of several communities being built in Mexico where developers hope to lure well-heeled retirees.

As home sales start to slow in the U.S., some builders are casting a hopeful eye on Mexico, placing bets that a growing population of North American retirees will want to buy mid- and high-end homes there, much as they have in places like Florida and the Southwest.

There are plenty of hurdles and risks. At least two major American home builders spent time in the Mexican market, then pulled out.

Still, the idea is appealing, especially to smaller developers, which are getting active encouragement from the National Association of Home Builders, the largest trade group in the U.S., with a membership of mostly small companies. At its International Builders' Show last week in Orlando, the NAHB ran an event explaining to members how to acquire land in Mexico, find partners there and finance such ventures. At an "Access Mexico" reception, U.S. home builders were invited to mingle with their Mexican peers.

"Mexico is a growing opportunity for resort and retirement communities," says Rita Feinberg, who heads

NAHB's international efforts. The NAHB also sees Mexico as a place for small companies to escape increasingly aggressive competition with the U.S.'s biggest builders. Currently, the nation's

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10 biggest home builders have 21% of the market for all new homes built in the U.S. and NAHB economists think that share will grow to between 35% and 40% in the next decade through growth and acquisitions. "It might be easier and more efficient for our smaller builders to go to Mexico," says Jerry Howard, NAHB chief executive.

Demographic and political trends seem favorable. According to a study conducted by **Cemex SA**, a Mexican cement giant, and Active Living International, which builds retirement and active-adult communities, about one million Americans currently live in Mexico, including 157,000 so-called active-adults -- buyers age 55 and over. That segment is expected to grow, according to the study. And it found that Americans of Mexican and Latin American descent are interested in retiring to Mexico. Retirees are attracted by the weather, the proximity to the U.S., an affordable cost of a living, and access to good quality health care.



Changes made under Nafta, the North American Free Trade Agreement, have also helped. For example, there are new financial instruments that can benefit home builders, says Jeffrey Schott, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Economics, a nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank in Washington. "A decade ago, this would have been a much riskier venture because you wouldn't have had the mortgage market, you would have had an uncertain policy regime. ... There are still problems, but a lot has improved."

Still, those problems can be daunting. For example, there is a law that forbids non-Mexicans from owning land in close proximity to the borders or the beach front. Interpreting those laws can be tricky. In the Baja peninsula a few years ago, scores of U.S. retirees learned that deeds on their beachfront property didn't meet those certain provisions of a national-security statute that, technically,

only citizens to own land on Mexico's two coasts. A few were able to buy back their homes from legally recognized landowners, while others filed a claim against the Mexican government. But the wide majority of these retirees haven't had any resolution.

The country does allow foreign individuals to acquire property by working through a trust known as a Fideicomiso. With this arrangement, these foreigners can obtain the beneficiary rights of ownership to property in Mexico, but the title is held by a trustee, which must be a Mexican bank. The trust operates the same way as a family trust in the U.S., but it exists for a maximum of 50 years and it must be renewed, says Jorge A. Vargas, an expert in Mexican law at the University of San Diego School of Law.

He adds that corporations don't need to work through a Fideicomiso, but can buy property outright provided that they use it for commercial purposes. Still, the extensive red tape and legal complexities prompt many American builders interested in Mexico to seek local partners. The extensive red tape and legal complexities prompt many American builders interested in Mexico to seek local partners. "I'm not saying partnering with a Mexican firm is the only way an American builder can do it, but it just makes it much easier," says Jesus Alan Elizondo Flores, an official at Sociedad Hipotecaria Federal, a federal home-mortgage institution in Mexico. "There's a huge

learning curve."

Active Living, based in Corona del Mar, Calif., is developing its first Mexican venture, in the Nuevo Vallarta resort area, with several partners, including one in Mexico. The development, one of five planned by Active Living, will have 250 units, with one to three bedrooms, priced at an average of about \$388,000. It is expected to be completed in late 2007 and will be marketed throughout the U.S. and Canada.



U.S. developers hope retirees will buy \$1 million custom homes in Mexico's Loreto Bay, where rooms with a view face the water.

Some developers are hedging their bets in other ways. Bryson Garbett, president of Garbett Homes Inc., based in Salt Lake City, currently has a letter of intent on a piece of land in Queretaro, the state north of Mexico City, where he hopes to build 200 to 400 homes for middle-class Mexicans within the next year. And he's looking for other tracts of land in the coastal areas, but he's considering building second homes -- not primary homes -- for retirees.

Still, some analysts wonder why Mexico is a draw at all. "The higher returns on capital are here

in the U.S.," says Alex Barron, an analyst at JMP Securities in San Francisco. Mexico, "as exciting as it might seem right now, has been historically risky."

Robert Curran, a home building analyst at Fitch Ratings in New York, points to the two big builders, KB Home and Pulte Homes Inc., that didn't find business in Mexico profitable enough. KB was there briefly in the early 1990s; Pulte pulled out of the market in December, after almost 10 years. "If Pulte couldn't do it, why would they [smaller builders] have success?" Mr. Curran asks.

But some prospective retirees have more encouraging words. Shari Cooper, a 45-year-old realtor from Dallas, and her husband, Juan Rivera, a 45-year-old Los Angeles-based photojournalist, bought a two-bedroom "casita" priced at about \$450,000 in Loreto Bay just a few months ago. They had gone to visit after hearing about the development from friends who bought a unit last year.

"We just fell in love with it," says Ms. Cooper. "We were looking for a place that was away from the rat race and it just makes you feel renewed because of its beauty. It's a very spiritual and the kind of place you'd want to retire to." The couple hopes to retire there in the next five years, but until then, they plan to make frequent visits.

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## Official empowered to winnow watts

### City's efficiency expert plugged into energy use

**By Craig D. Rose**  
STAFF WRITER

January 17, 2006

Don't complain about your high utility bill to Tom Blair, the city of San Diego's deputy director of energy conservation and management.

The city's bill – \$38 million annually – is second only to the U.S. Navy's among local utility customers. But Blair takes no pride in managing that big bite from city coffers.

In fact, the city's chief conservation expert works daily to wring costs from the big utility bill. And Blair is also charged with moving the city toward its goal of having 50 megawatts of renewable energy – or enough to power 50,000 homes.

When Blair zeroes in on a city department's utility bills, he's greeted with smiles rather than the frowns that typically greet auditors. That's because when he finds ways to cut utility costs, Blair frees money that hard-pressed departments might spend on other things.

Or as Blair likes to say: "I bring money."

This is work that requires the sharpest of pencils.

Blair can explain why the city's red and green traffic lights have been changed to LED technology, while yellow lights still use incandescent bulbs, the venerable technology that dates to Thomas Edison.

"Yellow isn't illuminated as long," Blair said, "so it pays to do red and green first."

But saving the city money on power bills can be as much a function of policy as it is of technology.

Blair, 56, leads a nine-person staff in poring over utility bills to double-check rates and charges.

The process revealed that the city's water pumping stations years earlier had been assigned a commercial power rate. But because the water is used for irrigation, Blair and his staff found that the power used for the pumps could be switched to a less-costly agricultural rate.

The bottom line: San Diego saves \$1 million annually.

"This was not billed in error. The pumps were just not assigned the best rates," Blair said. "We review all of the (rates) that are available. It's not something you do every day, and it's something that had not been done in awhile."

Blair's attention to detail results partly from a 22-year career in the Navy, which he joined after completing ROTC training at



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Tom Blair stood above solar electricity panels on the roof of the Ridgehaven Green Building.

Miami University in Ohio. Blair, who retired as a commander, worked as an engineer and retains a keepsake in the form of a massive bolt on his desk that was designed to fasten a destroyer's propeller.

Similar bolts replaced a previous generation of fasteners made from a different alloy that failed suddenly.

"All 40 of them sheered right off when we cranked up the engine," Blair recalled with a smile. "Took a while till we came up with an alloy that would take the force."

Blair says his work in the military on large shipboard heating and cooling systems helped him in the transition to the civilian work force. Upon his retirement from the Navy, he became assistant director of facilities at California State University San Marcos, which was in the process of designing and building similar systems for its new campus. He later became the school's director of facilities.

In 2002, when soaring energy prices put the city of San Diego in search of a facilities manager to cut energy costs and move toward renewable sources – a top priority for then-Mayor Dick Murphy – Blair was tapped for the post.

As director of conservation and efficiency, Blair oversees energy use at some 1,400 city structures, everything from firehouses to outhouses, as he put it.

Blair acknowledged that some private business consultants offer similar services toward producing energy savings, but said the advantage of having someone on staff is that they can monitor projects and programs on an ongoing basis.

These days, Blair's office directs about 80 energy-efficiency projects at 45 buildings.

Despite the scope, the job demands attention to detail and fine analysis.

For example, in checking the methane emitted at the former South Chollas landfill site – now used as a maintenance depot for city vehicles – Blair's team found enough of the gas to fuel a small electric generator.

Blair estimates the generator would cost the city about \$1.5 million, but the city could earn about \$280,000 per year from using the electricity it could produce and selling the rest to San Diego Gas & Electric.

"The gas should be available for eight to ten years," Blair said. "So we would have two to four years of (profitable) cash flow. Then we can move the generator to another site where we have gas."

He also has helped the city install photovoltaic arrays – tech talk for solar panels – at city buildings, including its revamped police headquarters and the Miramar operations center, where trash trucks are maintained.

This year, he's targeting the installation of 1 megawatt of photovoltaic panels on the water treatment facility around Lake Murray. That project would allow a private firm to install, own and operate the system while providing San Diego with discounted electricity.

"That could get the city \$30,000 per year in savings and some environmental benefits," Blair said.

Nicole Capretz, senior policy adviser to Councilwoman Donna Frye, who has made clean energy development a top priority, said Blair is among those most dedicated to cleaning up the local environment and driving the city to its target of 20% renewables.

"Tom does more than due diligence," Capretz said. "He goes above and beyond what is expected to learn about new rules, regulatory changes, incentives, anything it will take to help the city benefit from clean energy."

After four years on the job, Blair's reputation as a manager of energy efficiency and conservation has grown beyond San Diego, said Scott Anders, director of the recently created Energy Policy Initiative Center at the University of San Diego.

"What he has done in terms of putting in place solar and other energy projects is very impressive," Anders said. "He is regarded as one of the best facilities energy managers in the state."

Irene Stillings, executive director of the San Diego Regional Energy Office, which administers energy efficiency and solar programs in the region, said Blair has produced energy gains for the city during a very difficult time financially.

"And he is also hamstrung by the contracting process because it is so slow," Stillings added.

Michael Turk, a developer who serves with Blair on the city's Sustainable Energy Advisory Board, agreed that Blair finds ways to make energy programs succeed.

"I like Tom because he makes the city money," said Turk, whose projects feature photovoltaic energy systems. "He either finds a way to save energy or make renewables work for what's needed."

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## Hawaiian rights bill gets mixed reviews

By Dennis Camire  
Advertiser Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Experts on both sides of the controversy over the federal recognition of Hawaiians laid out their cases yesterday before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, whose members also held varying opinions about the idea.

The debate centers on Senate legislation, sponsored by Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawai'i, that would set up a process for the federal government to grant formal recognition to Hawaiians. Some conservative Senate Republicans have blocked the bill, saying it would create a race-based government.

The commission, made up of four Republicans, two Democrats and an independent, could make a recommendation to Congress in several months about the legislation but it would take a majority vote, its chairman said. The commission has no enforcement power.

Commission Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, a Republican and attorney for Kansas City Power & Light in Missouri, said after the briefing that he was skeptical about the bill but would not make a final decision until more information was collected.

"My ultimate vote will be based on the entire record, which we don't have yet," he said.

Commissioner Arlan D. Melendez, a Democrat and chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Reno, Nev., said he believed Hawaiians needed federal recognition to help them protect federal programs, ranging from housing to education.

"They're really receiving those things so I think by furthering that, you will give them some stability in self-determination over those things they already have," he said.

But commission Vice Chairwoman Abigail Thernstrom, an Independent and a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute in New York, said she was "very unhappy about what I regard as proposals for race-based governments."

"This is not the way I want this country to go, and I would like to see some acknowledgement that the story of governance of Indian tribes in this country has not worked out well," Thernstrom said.

Noe Kalipi, counsel for Akaka, and H. Christopher Bartolomucci, an attorney with the Hogan & Hartson law firm in Washington, laid out the case for federal recognition.

Kalipi said Hawaiians are an indigenous people like American Indians and Alaskan Natives and not a racial class. She said the U.S. Supreme Court has acknowledged that the federal government's dealings with Indian tribes are not based on race but on political status.

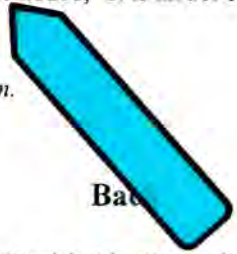
"It is also clear that Native Hawaiians are 'native' in the same sense as American Indians — aboriginal," she said. "When Congress deals with Native Hawaiians as an aboriginal people, it legislates on the basis as it does with American Indians."

But H. William Burgess, a Ho-nolulu attorney and opponent of the bill, said the bill would unconstitutionally recognize a new privileged class consisting of anyone with an indigenous ancestor.

"Anyone who had an indigenous status would have a claim to create a separate government," he said. "Ultimately, that would lead to the breaking up of states."

Gail Heriot, a professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, said transforming Hawaii-ans into a tribe "is an act performed on a racial group, not a tribal group." She added, "It is an act of race discrimination subject to strict scrutiny — scrutiny that it likely cannot survive."

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## **USCCR to Examine Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act; Proposed Legislation Described by Critics as 'Racial Balkanization'**

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WHAT: Briefing of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring and protecting civil

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street NW, Room 540, Washington, D.C.

A panel of experts will advise the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concerning a proposal, S. 147, popularly known as the "Akaka bill" after Senator who introduced it, which would codify a government-to-government relationship between the United States and Native Hawaiians. In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Rice v. Cayetano* held that a policy allowing only Native Hawaiians to vote for members of the state Office of Hawaiian Affairs violated the 15th Amendment of the Constitution, which prohibits race-based exclusion from suffrage. Since then, some legislators have attempted to statutorily define "Native Hawaiian" by racial characteristics and "residual sovereignty" and in doing so extend to Native Hawaiians the policy of self-governance historically granted to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Critics argue that the Akaka bill amounts to the next step from racial preferences to racial separatism.

Does S. 147 represent an important civil rights advance or an unlawful form of discrimination? Panelists: Viet Dinh, former assistant attorney general for legal policy, Department of Justice; H. William Burgess, attorney; Gail Heriot, professor, University of San Diego Law School; Noe Kalipi, minority staff director for the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. The four speakers will make presentations and offer expertise. During the discussion, Commission members and the staff director will pose questions and offer comments to the four guests.

The briefing, estimated to run about two and a half hours, will be held during the Commission's regularly-scheduled monthly meeting. Other meeting agenda items include: Staff Director's Report, Campus Anti-Semitism, Management and Operations, State Advisory Committees, and Voting Rights Briefing Report.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Jennifer C. Braceras, Peter N. Kirsanow, A. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, and Michael Yaki. Kenneth L. Marcus is staff director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.

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From the Los Angeles Times

## Measure Seeks Curbs on Insurers

**A leading consumer advocate presses an initiative that could compete with a ballot proposal offered by an industry executive.**

By Marc Lifsher  
 Times Staff Writer

January 21, 2006

SACRAMENTO — California voters may be in for a repeat of the 1988 ballot free-for-all that produced a landmark state insurance law.

Consumer advocate Harvey Rosenfield — author of Proposition 103, the successful 1988 insurance initiative — unveiled Friday a proposed ballot measure crammed with provisions that auto and homeowner insurers would be likely to oppose. The proposal includes limits on dropping homeowners for making claims, a prohibition on the use of credit scores in evaluating potential customers, a ban on fees charged by brokers and increased penalties for violations.

The proposed initiative was filed with the attorney general's office only weeks after the head of one of California's leading auto insurers began pushing his own ballot measure that would rewrite key parts of Proposition 103, which Rosenfield says has saved policyholders more than \$23 billion over 17 years.

"This is going to be a catastrophic mistake for the insurance industry if they go forward with this," Rosenfield said, referring to a potential ballot battle that could erupt if George Joseph, chief executive of Los Angeles-based Mercury General Corp, puts a proposal to change Proposition 103 on the November ballot.

In 1988, five ballot measures designed to alter the way auto insurance was priced competed for California voters' attention. After an \$80-million battle, Proposition 103 emerged victorious over three proposals from the insurance industry and one from trial lawyers.

The proposition, which made California auto insurance the most regulated in the nation, converted the state insurance commissioner into an elected official and gave the commissioner power to rule on proposed changes in insurance rates. The initiative also declared that auto insurance rates should be based primarily on three factors: driving record, annual miles driven and number of years licensed.

Joseph's proposed initiative, filed in late December, would provide special discounts to some motorists, lower selected rates and make it easier for the state Legislature to change other parts of Proposition 103, including the factors the law requires insurers to use when calculating auto premiums.

Rosenfield and Joseph each would need 700,000 signatures to ensure that their measures qualify for the November ballot. It's a process that can cost \$1 million or more, but both are seen as capable of raising the money and getting their initiatives on the ballot.

"I wouldn't underestimate Rosenfield," said Robert Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego.

The insurance industry, which hasn't endorsed Joseph's initiative, denounced Rosenfield's proposal, calling it a threat to the industry's ability to do business profitably in California.

"This would force people to pay more for insurance," said Sam Sorich, president of the Assn. of California Insurance

Cos.

Joseph did not respond to requests for interviews. But a spokeswoman for his political consultants said Joseph was considering another initiative that would more narrowly amend Proposition 103 by providing for motorists discounts on new policies for motorists had previous coverage.

Rosenfield said such discounts would discriminate against drivers in urban areas who are trying to comply with state law by purchasing first-time liability policies. Last September a California Court of Appeal rejected such discounts in a suit brought by Mercury.

Despite Proposition 103's mandate against using ZIP Codes to set auto premiums, consumer advocates contend that many insurers continue to emphasize where a customer lives when setting rates. As a result, they say, urban drivers tend to pay higher premiums than those living in rural or suburban areas.

Late last year, Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi said he would issue regulations to ensure that Proposition 103's rate-setting mandates were enforced. Insurers contend that Garamendi's proposal would increase premiums for drivers in rural and suburban counties, who make up about 60% of the state's total.

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### Legal Research and Writing Program Turns Students into Lawyers

**Mary Wood**

Although it's only one credit each semester, it may be the most fundamental law course Virginia's students take. Legal Research and Writing offers students "the basics of research, the basics of legal communication, and by that I would include being able to think like a lawyer," said Mimi Foster Riley, Legal Research and Writing Program Co-Director. "It's what lawyers do. Lawyers write."

"You think most clearly when you write something. When you write it, it clarifies your thinking process," agreed program Co-Director Ruth Buck '85.

In the program, three professors each teach a third of the first-year class, divided into 32-student sections. Each section has two Dillard Fellows, upperclass students who act as teaching assistants and meet with students to discuss drafts and review or comment on assignments. Classes meet once a week, with assignments including memos, an appellate brief, and citation and research exercises.

"We try to cover both some objective writing and some persuasive writing," Riley said. For a profession sometimes known for its convoluted linguistics, the program helps students win the battle against legalese. "I think most of our students graduate knowing legalese is not the right thing," Buck agreed and noted that complex language seeps more frequently into contract writing because attorneys are averse to tinkering with phrasing that has worked well in the past. In certain fields that require specific terms of art—real estate is an example—Riley advises writers to "think about why they are using a certain word or phrase or sentence, and make it a matter of choice."

Riley and Buck said the real battle for students is learning to organize their analysis in writing and crafting their argument piece by piece.

"It's what students struggle with most, but the thing they have to conquer in order to do well in [other classes'] exams," Riley said. "I think we're very lucky here that to a large degree, students have much to learn, but after their first year they are well prepared for summer and beyond."

Kris Panikowski '00, who served as a Dillard Fellow for two years, recalled feeling particularly prepared for her first two summers spent working at firms because of her experience in the program. "I think that UVA's program gives you a lot of access to the professors and to the teaching assistants, so you do a lot of conferencing," said Panikowski, who recently started her job as a legal writing professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. "You learn a lot from in-person communication and sometimes you can pick up things that you wouldn't necessarily pick up from written comments being handed back to you."

Students compete to be Dillard Fellows during spring semester of their first year. Those chosen receive three credits and a stipend over the course of the year. Fellows might spend anywhere from 5 to 15 hours working during a slow week, or 30 when memos are due.

"I thought it would be a good way to improve my writing," said third-year Law student Gabe Meyer, who was a Dillard Fellow last year. "I thought it would be a lot more fun and interesting to be working with people on their writing as opposed to working on a journal and just doing cite checking in the library."

Because of their undergraduate or graduate writing experience, first-year students often include large quotations from cases and haven't taken the next step—distilling the heart of the case, which is as much a thinking exercise as a writing exercise. "You need to focus in on the legal issue," Buck said. In contrast, as an undergraduate, "you're expected to bring in the universe."

The program culminates during the spring with first-year oral arguments, in which students make an argument based on their fall semester appellate brief before a three-judge panel, including one Dillard Fellow and either two alumni or an alumnus and a professor. Thousands of practicing attorneys, most of whom are alumni, are invited to have the necessary 180 to 200 judges. After the judges hear oral arguments, they give feedback to students and enjoy a reception together. "That's where it all comes together for students. It's one of the highlights of the year for them," Buck said.


"I've had students get jobs during that time, and I've had alumni discover students they wanted to work for them," Riley added. "Alumni often tell students that it's better than what they see in the courtroom."

Coordinating nine days of trials with judges' schedules can be demanding; Buck praised legal writing secretary Phyllis Harris for handling the task so well.

This year Associate Professor Karen Moran joined as a Co-Director of the program. Moran "is a great asset," Buck said. Moran has extensive litigation and appellate advocacy experience with Fulbright & Jaworski in Washington, DC, and worked for five years as a senior staff attorney for

the appellate division of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She became acquainted with the Law School while judging some of the oral arguments.

"I did a lot of oral argument while I was practicing, so I'm sure that will help me in preparing the students for moot court," she said. With her own varied work experience as an example, Moran said she hopes to convey to students that there are "basic principles involved in writing legal documents and it works regardless of where students decide they want to practice."

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## Scholars To Discuss Academic Freedom At CU Conference Feb. 3-4

Jan. 24, 2006

Examining why academic freedom is often a source of controversy on college campuses across the nation will be the cornerstone of the University of Colorado at Boulder's 13th Ira C. Rothgerber Jr. Conference to be held Feb. 3-4 in the Fleming Law Building.

Titled "Horowitz, Churchill, Columbia -- What Next for Academic Freedom?" the conference will address the theory and practice of academic freedom from the perspective of several controversial disputes.

The conference is open to the public and continuing legal education credits are available. Members of the judiciary, CU alumni, faculty, staff and students will be admitted for free but lunch and a parking pass are not included.

The conference title refers to conservative author David Horowitz and two recent cases where academic freedom was criticized. Horowitz is known for his campaign for an "Academic Bill of Rights" to protect students from what he claims is an "unprofessional political indoctrination" on college campuses. At CU-Boulder last year an article published by ethnic studies Professor Ward Churchill raised public scrutiny while at Columbia University in New York City critics have claimed the school's Middle Eastern Studies are anti-Israeli.

But according to Richard Collins, CU law professor and director of the law school's Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, the controversies surrounding Horowitz, Churchill and C... are only meant to initiate dialogue and are not the focus of the conference.

This year's conference is sponsored by the Byron R. White Center, the political science department's Keller Center for the First Amendment and the University of Colorado Law Review.

Principal speakers will be Larry Alexander, University of San Diego School of Law; Alan K. Chen, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver; Fred Schauer, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; J. Peter Byrne, Georgetown University Law Center; Robert M. O'Neil, Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, University of Virginia; and Emily Calhoun, CU School of Law.

For more information about the conference, a complete schedule, registration fees and online registration visit the conference Web site at <http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/byronwhite/current.htm> or call (303) 492-8048.

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### **Eminent Pitt Law Professor Welsh White, Leading National Authority on the Death Penalty, Died Dec. 31**

PITTSBURGH-Welsh White, Bessie McKee Walthour Endowed Chair and professor in the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, died Dec. 31. A leading national authority on the death penalty, White began teaching at Pitt in 1968. He taught such courses as criminal law, criminal procedure, and evidence.

“Welsh White was widely respected as one of the nation's leading experts on the death penalty and was one of the most distinguished faculty members in the long history of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law,” said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, a former dean of Pitt's School of Law. “His carefully crafted scholarly work helped change views of the death penalty and the way that it is administered. He also was a devoted teacher, who was beloved by his students, and a committed colleague, who always found time to serve as a thoughtful and caring mentor. He will be sorely missed, both for his professional contributions and for his warm personal touch.”

White, 65, was the author of three books on capital punishment, among them *The Death Penalty in the Nineties: An Examination of the Modern System of Capital Punishment* (University of Michigan Press, 1991), as well as numerous essays and scholarly articles on evidence and criminal procedure. His scholarly articles have appeared in the *Columbia Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, and *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Review*, among others.

White spent the last 10 years studying police interrogations and confessions. In his book *Miranda's Waning Protections: Police Interrogation Practices after Dickerson* (University of Michigan Press, 2001), White examined *Miranda*, a U.S. Supreme Court case that established rights of suspects upon arrest and confession. In his new book, *Litigating in the Shadow of Death: Defense Attorneys in Capital Cases*, which will be published by the University of Michigan Press early in 2006; this book already won praise from Yale Kamisar, professor of law at the University of San Diego, as “a most illuminating book by a splendid writer and an eminent critic of the capital punishment system.”

Prior to joining Pitt's law faculty, White practiced law with the Philadelphia firm of White and Williams, which was founded by his grandfather. He also worked in the Philadelphia District Attorney's office.

While teaching full-time in Pitt's law school, White represented or assisted in the representation of indigent defendants, particularly in capital cases.

White received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University in 1962 and the Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1965.

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## **Siggins Confirmed to First District Court of Appeal**

By a MetNews Staff Writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's former legal affairs secretary and interim chief of staff, Peter Siggins, was confirmed and sworn in Friday as a justice of the First District Court of Appeal.

Siggins will succeed Justice Carol Corrigan in Div. Three. Corrigan took office Wednesday as the newest justice of the California Supreme Court.

In addition to approving the nomination of Siggins, the Commission on Judicial Appointments Friday confirmed Schwarzenegger's elevation of Justice Ignacio Ruvolo, who had been sitting in the First District's Div. Two, to be presiding justice of Div. Four.

That post has been vacant since Presiding Justice Laurence Kay retired in August.

Siggins, 50, served as legal affairs secretary to the governor from November 2003 to November 2005 and as interim chief of staff for the last two months of that period, while Patricia Clarey, who has since left the post, was on leave working for the governor's ultimately unsuccessful campaign to pass four initiative measures at a statewide special election.

His successor as legal affairs secretary was named three months ago, and sources said then that he would likely be appointed to a judgeship after the special election.

Before going to work for the Republican governor, Siggins—who is registered decline-to-state—was chief deputy attorney general under Democrat Bill Lockyer, a post he held for four years. He previously served as senior assistant attorney general in charge of the Correctional Law Section, and much of his work as legal affairs secretary was taken up with prison reform issues, as the state has been forced to respond to litigation concerning conditions in its correctional facilities.

He was also responsible, along with Clarey and Judicial Appointments Advisor John Davies, with vetting candidates for the bench.

Before joining the state service, Siggins practiced civil litigation and maritime law in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is a graduate of Hastings College of the Law and Loyola Marymount University.

Ruvolo, 58, has served as an associate justice in Div. Two since 1996. He was previously a Contra Costa Superior Court judge from 1994 to 1996.

Before his appointment to the Superior Court, Ruvolo was an attorney for the firm of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon for 17 years. He also served as a trial

attorney for the United States Department of Justice's Civil Division, Tort Section from 1972 to 1977.

Ruvolo, a registered Republican, earned a master of laws degree from the University of Virginia, a law degree from the University of San Diego and a bachelor's degree from Rutgers.

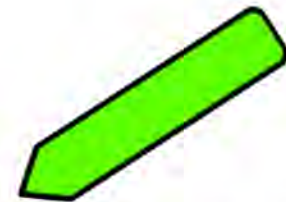
Among the opinions he has authored for Div. Two was one that upheld the validity of Indian gaming compacts that allow tribes to conduct high-stakes casino gaming that is off-limits to licensed card clubs like the Hustler Casino owned by pornographer Larry Flynt, who challenged the compacts on equal protection and other constitutional grounds.

In another case, he wrote that the California Milk Products Advisory Board is a public entity and cannot be sued for violation of the Unfair Competition Law. The ruling blocked a suit by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which claimed the board's well-known "Happy Cows" advertising campaign deceived the public by masking what PETA said were unhealthy conditions to which dairy cows were subjected.

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**SECTION:** SPORTS; Pg. E-9**LENGTH:** 607 words**HEADLINE:** Skiers surf Internet for deals on travel**BYLINE:** BRIAN E. CLARK, Brian E. Clark is a free-lance writer.**BODY:**

When Mark Uhlfelder finished a graduate tax degree at the University of San Diego law school in 1984, he never considered returning to his native Aspen, Colo.

"At that point in my life, what I really enjoyed was tax law," said Uhlfelder, who moved to Washington, D.C., and worked as a writer and editor for the journal TaxNotes.

He then practiced law for eight years, sometimes negotiating aircraft leasing transactions worth up to \$120 million a pop.

But Colorado eventually drew him home. Uhlfelder, 48, is now a partner at the country's largest independent ski travel company, Ski.com.

"I loved living in San Diego and really had the feeling that people there understood that there was more to life than work," said Uhlfelder. An avid sailor and road cyclist, he also earned his law degree from USD.

"It's been 20 years, but back then San Diego reminded me of Aspen in some ways," he said. Appropriately, his apartment was in Pacific Beach.

After 10 years in D.C., Uhlfelder decided he'd had enough.

"I skied once in West Virginia and didn't like it much," he said. "It was a three-hour drive. It took about the same amount of time to fly to Aspen, so I went there.

In D.C., he found himself hating snow.

"I decided I didn't want to live in a place where you couldn't play on it," he said. "Besides, the ice storms were a pain."

So when the opportunity came to join Aspen Ski Tours as a partner and move home in 1995, he jumped at the chance.

Since his arrival, the company has changed its name to Ski.com and more than doubled in size, acquiring Aspen Snowmass Central Reservations, Lynx Vacations, Sportours, Adventures on Skis, AnyMountain Tours and Go West Tours. Ski.com now represents 75 resorts around the globe.

Uhlfelder said that in his decade in the ski travel business, it has moved away from telephones to the Internet.

"People do more of the work themselves," he said. "When I came in 1995, the average vacation took four calls. now about 2.5."

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He said a typical ski or snowboard vacation today costs about \$1,300 per person and lasts about four or five days.

"If you are spending that kind of money, a lot of people still want to talk to a live person," he said. "Especially someone who knows the resort and can make you the right match for lodging.

"Unlike central reservations operations, we represent the skier, not the resort properties. We also can set up things like cooking classes and direct folks to resorts where there are plenty of things for nonskiers to do."

Uhlfelder warns that potential ski vacationers should not believe everything they read on the Internet.

"It can be misleading," he said diplomatically. "Ski-in-and-ski-out lodging at one resort can mean something entirely different at another."

Though the cost of lift tickets has cracked \$80 a day at some Colorado areas, Uhlfelder said he is not worried that the sport is becoming too expensive.

"It costs a lot to go to take the kids to Disney World or to go on a cruise, too," said Uhlfelder, whose children are 5 and 7.

Often, he said, the price of the lift ticket is included in lodging as part of a package and can be as low as \$34 a day.

"My advice to vacationing skiers and snowboarders is to stick to a budget and be realistic about what they want," he said. "Not every lodge is the Four Seasons."

Also, airlines and resorts offer deals where kids can fly, stay and ski free. Jackson Hole, Steamboat Springs, Breckenridge, Vail, Beaver Creek and Crested -- among others -- have some variation on this theme.

Restrictions apply, of course. Youngsters generally must be 12 or under.

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## Fennemore Craig adds 7 associates

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Fennemore Craig Phoenix hired seven associates who graduated from law school and were admitted to the Bar in 2005. **James Bond** received his law degree from the **University of San Diego**. **Matt Henriksen** received his law degree from the **University of Utah**. **Greg Monaco** received his law degree from the **University of Iowa**. **Debra Polly** and **Molly Ryden** received their law degrees from **Arizona State University**. **Nicole Smith** law degree is from the **University of Notre Dame**. **James Wright** graduated from **Harvard Law School**.

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**Lewis and Roca** Phoenix has hired five associates from **Meyer, Hendricks & Bivens** in Phoenix: **Kirsten Copeland**, **David Cowles**, **Kristina Holmstrom** and **Marvin Ruth**.

**Copeland** will practice in construction and commercial litigation. She received her master's in geology from **Michigan Technological University** in 1993 and her law degree from the **University of Arizona** in 2002.

**Cowles** will practice in commercial litigation. He received a doctorate in philosophy from the **University of Massachusetts** in 1991 and his law degree from **Arizona State University** in 2001.

**Holmstrom** will practice in life, health and disability and commercial litigation. She received her law degree from the **University of Nevada-Las Vegas** in 2004. While in law school she was a staff member of the *Nevada Law Journal*.

**Ruth** will practice in commercial litigation. He received his law degree from the **University of Arizona** in 2005. While in law school, **Ruth** was an articles editor for the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law*.

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**Dale Norris** of the **Law Offices of Michael Napier** has been selected executive director of the **Arizona Police Association**, a statewide coalition of police labor organizations that focuses the political efforts of its 17-member groups representing more than 6,000 federal, state, county and local peace officers. **Norris** is a retired Phoenix police officer who received his law degree from **Arizona State University** after his retirement. His practice focused on police labor and employment representing the interests of peace officers before personnel boards and in the courts. **Norris** will take over from **Brian Livingston**, a former peace officer who retired after being shot while apprehending a bank robbery suspect. **Livingston** has moved on to a management position in state government.

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**Rodney Malpert** has joined **Littler Global** Phoenix as director of U.S. immigration.



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### Fenwick, MoFo Name New Partners

Marie-Anne Hogarth  
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Fenwick & West has elected three associates to join the partnership effective Jan. 1. All work in the Mountain View, Calif., office.

David Bell, 37, a corporate lawyer working on startup financings, public offerings and M&A, earned his J.D. in 1997 from University of California-Davis' King Hall School of Law.

Darren Donnelly, 36, a litigator focusing on IP and technology, earned his J.D. in 1997 from Santa Clara University School of Law.

Daniel McCoy, 35, who focuses on employment litigation and counseling, earned his J.D. in 1996 from Gonzaga University School of Law.

In 2005, Fenwick promoted six lawyers to the rank of partner.

Prior to the most recent additions, Fenwick had 76 partners.

### MOFO NAMES SEVEN NEW PARTNERS IN CALIFORNIA

Morrison & Foerster announced this week it has promoted 15 attorneys to the rank of partner effective Jan. 1.

Five of the new partners reside in the firm's San Francisco office, one in the Los Angeles office and one in the Orange County, Calif., office.

Philip Besirof, 34, a member of the firm's litigation department in San Francisco, received his J.D. in 1996 from Hastings College of the Law.

S. Raj Chatterjee, 36, also a litigator in San Francisco, received his J.D. in 1994 from Hastings

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Jaclyn Liu, 31, a member of the corporate group in San Francisco, received her J.D. in 1998 from Harvard Law School.

Jay Thomson, 35, a litigator in the firm's San Francisco office, earned his J.D. in 1996 from University of Chicago Law School.

Peter Yim, 37, a member of the patent group in San Francisco, earned his J.D. in 1997 from University of Washington School of Law.

Benjamin Fox, 33, a litigator in the firm's Los Angeles office, received his J.D. in 1997 from UCLA School of Law.

Steven Zadavec, 34, a labor and employment lawyer in Orange County, earned his J.D. in 1996 from University of San Diego School of Law.

Six partners were named in the firm's New York office, one was named in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, and one was named in the Brussels office.

In 2005, MoFo named 22 new lawyers to its partnership class.

Prior to the most recent additions, MoFo had about 116 partners.

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**Morrison + Foerster -**

Palo Alto, January 22, 2006 – LAWFUEL - The Law News Network - Morrison & Foerster LLP is pleased to announce that James Pooley and Scott Oliver will join the Intellectual Property Group in its Palo Alto office as partners on February 1, 2006. Mr. Pooley, widely regarded as one of the top IP litigators in the country, specializes in patent, trade secret, copyright, and technology-related commercial litigation in state and federal courts and before the International Trade Commission. He is nationally recognized as one of the leading lawyers in the trade secret field, and is the author of the well-regarded treatise, Trade Secrets. Mr. Oliver, who handles patent, copyright and complex technology-related cases, has practiced with Mr. Pooley for the last six years. Mr. Pooley and Mr. Oliver are joining the firm from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy.

"The arrival of Jim and Scott furthers our claim to a leadership position among international IP firms," said Lori Schechter, Chair of Morrison & Foerster's Litigation Department. "Their recruitment also fits with the firm's core strategy of building upon its strengths."

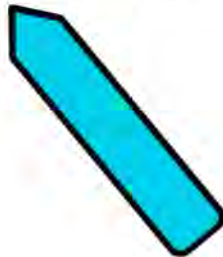
Mr. Pooley has practiced in Silicon Valley since 1973, establishing a national reputation as trial counsel in some of the most difficult and high visibility cases involving intellectual property. His successful patent infringement defense of Adobe Systems was recognized by the National Law Journal as the only IP case among its Top Defense Verdicts of 1997, and a record settlement for ESS Technology in a software copyright case led to his being honored as a 2003 Lawyer of the Year by California Lawyer Magazine. Mr. Pooley is currently the First Vice President of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and will become its President in 2007.

"Jim's expertise is highly sought after by leading technology companies," said Keith Wetmore, Chair of Morrison & Foerster. "Together, Jim and Scott will make an immediate impact on our IP practice both in Silicon Valley and firmwide."

Mr. Pooley commented: "Morrison & Foerster's strength in patent prosecution, corporate practice and litigation represents a convergence of expertise that, in my opinion, is unique in Silicon Valley and indeed on a national basis. This combination can bring tremendous value to clients facing increasing complex issues in IP management and litigation. I am very excited to be joining the firm."

Scott Oliver's practice has focused on a wide range of technologies. He has extensive experience in developing and managing major anti-piracy programs for clients. He has considerable expertise in patent, trademark, and copyright licensing issues and additional expertise in the counseling and litigation of matters under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Mr. Pooley received his J.D. from Columbia School of Law as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar in 1973, and his B.A., with honors, from Lafayette College. Mr. Oliver received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of San Diego in 1994, and his A.B., cum laude, from Harvard University.



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## Grotzinger, Kawada Named Shareholders in Greenberg Traurig's L.A. Office

LOS ANGELES, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 01/17/2006 -- Greenberg Traurig LLP has promoted 36 attorneys to shareholders, including two in its Los Angeles office: Jordan D. Grotzinger, whose practice includes commercial and entertainment litigation, and Naoki Kawada, who focuses on corporate and securities law, and heads the L.A. office's Japanese Practice Group.

"Jordan and Naoki have both shown extraordinary dedication and initiative in representing their clients, and maintaining the high quality service on which Greenberg Traurig has built its reputation," said Jeff Scott, co-managing shareholder for the firm's L.A. office. "They have played an important role in helping to expand our business both within the U.S. and in Japan."

Grotzinger, 33, joined the firm in 2001 as an associate. He represents companies and individuals across a wide variety of industries in complex business disputes, and has successfully tried jury and non-jury cases in federal and state courts, as well as arbitrations. His areas of experience include securities and partnership cases, copyright litigation in the entertainment and publishing industries, royalty disputes and business tort claims.

Kawada, 33, joined Greenberg Traurig as of counsel and director of the Japanese Practice Group in the firm's L.A. office in May, 2004. He travels frequently to Japan to service an extensive list of more than 50 Japanese clients, 20 of which he helped establish their U.S. operations.

Grotzinger's significant cases include successfully defending a rap music record label and artist accused of copyright infringement in a two-week trial. He also won an arbitration on behalf of a prominent rock music group in a royalty dispute with a former band member.

Grotzinger graduated from Southwestern University School of Law, and he has a bachelor of arts degree from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. He and his wife, Kristina Royce, a family lawyer, have one child, age 3.

Kawada has extensive experience counseling Japanese clients at all stages of their corporate lives, from their entrance to the U.S. market to their exit. He has spent most of his career drafting and negotiating various transactional documents on behalf of Japanese clients, including joint ventures, technology transfers, entertainment, foreign investments, franchise arrangements, employment, financing transactions, and mergers and acquisitions. Previously, Kawada was an associate at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP (formerly Graham & James LLP).

He is a founding member of the Entertainment Platform of Japan -- an initiative spearheaded by Japan External Trade Organizations -- and serves as chair of a sub-committee on public community relations at the Japan Business Association of Southern California. From April 2003 to April 2005, he also served as vice president of the Japan Business Association of Southern California and chaired its Business Administration Committee.

Kawada obtained his law degree from the University of San Diego Law School. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in economics and Russian from Washington University in St. Louis, and speaks Japanese and Korean in addition to Russian and English. He and his wife, Pamela, live in Bel Air.

### About Greenberg Traurig, LLP

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Justine Phillips of North Park has joined the Dow  
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She graduated last year from USD School of Law.



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## Procopio, Cory hosts conference

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In response to upward real estate market trends and investment opportunity in Mexico, **Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP** is hosting its 2006 Investing in Mexico Real Estate Conference in San Diego next month.

A third-day extension of the 2006 USD School of Law-Procopio International Tax Institute, the conference will be devoted to the topic of investing in cross-border real estate and understanding the legal complexities. The one-day conference, scheduled for Feb. 25, will feature a panel of experts from both sides of the border, sharing knowledge on how to successfully navigate the multinational market.

The conference sessions will include: an overview of Mexican real estate transactions, such as key differences between the two countries; an overview of selling or acquiring beachfront properties after the development closes; an overview of Mexican tax considerations; financing Mexican real estate deals; complex Mexican tax considerations for real estate; and a top 10 list of errors commonly made in Mexican real estate deals and hypo development deals.

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The second annual U.S. - Mexico Tax Update in San Diego, CA will take place on Feb 23-24, 2006. The ITI is the only conference that brings together internationally recognized tax experts, government officials, practitioners and educators to present original research on current trends and explore the latest developments in the field of U.S. and Mexican international tax legislation. Returning speakers will include the highest ranking U.S. and Mexican international tax officials and recognized experts in the field. The full agenda for ITI 2006 can be found at [www.usdprocopioITI.org](http://www.usdprocopioITI.org). The ITI has also issued a "Call for Speakers" that is open to all practitioners, educators and government officials from both sides of the border to participate in this in-depth, practical curriculum. **Organization:** USD-Procopio International Tax Institute  
**Information:** Summer King 619-515-3297 [info@usdprocopioITI.org](mailto:info@usdprocopioITI.org) **Cost:** \$595.00-\$795.00 **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

**School of Leadership and Education Sciences**



## Charities' next mission: finding new leaders

### County nonprofits need to be ready, study warns

By **Jeff McDonald**  
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

January 29, 2006

Ronne Froman quit for a high-powered job at San Diego City Hall. Fred P. Nowinski wanted to get back into banking. Amanda May resigned amid controversy and Howard Carey was expectedly.

Each of these former chief executives left or were lost from their respective nonprofit organizations in recent months, handing their boards of directors the often difficult job of finding an appropriate successor.

According to a new study from the University of San Diego, a great many of the region's biggest charities soon may be in the same position.

Nearly 70 percent of the executives who run San Diego County's largest nonprofit organizations plan to resign or retire within the next five years, creating a daunting need for fresh leadership, the report found.

The results mirror a national trend that has prompted researchers and nonprofit experts across the country to encourage donors and board directors to adopt succession plans for their executive ranks.

Analysts at the USD Center for Applied Nonprofit Research said 68 percent of executive directors surveyed expect to leave the organizations they run by 2011.

Perhaps even more worrisome: Only 12 percent of agencies have formal, defined transition plans in place. And 63 percent said the level of board involvement in succession planning was minimal or completely absent.

The findings are critical to the \$10 billion nonprofit sector in San Diego County and to many thousands of clients, including everyone from hospital patients, university students and children to the homeless, hungry and mentally ill.

Without adequate preparation, nonprofits risk losing funding or lowering the quality of service to their clients when executives leave, experts say.

"San Diego is not alone in this dilemma, neither is the nonprofit sector," said Laura Deitrick, one of two principal investigators who conducted the survey. "Basically you have 77 million baby boomers and 38 million Gen-Xers to replace them, so it comes down to demand."

Some of the reasons respondents gave for planning to leave their current position included better opportunities for professional growth (32 percent); earning a higher salary (32 percent); and working fewer hours (28 percent).

More than half of the executives who expect to leave – 56 percent – said they would retire; 41 percent planned to become consultants.

Nonprofit groups here will have to be creative in developing new leaders, in part because the high cost of living in San Diego County makes recruiting from outside the region difficult, Deitrick said.

"We need to look at this as an opportunity more than anything," Deitrick said. "Transitions in leadership really give organizations a chance to reflect."

### **Tough spot to fill**

Running a nonprofit agency is generally more of a challenge than running a business. Charity executives constantly must balance the interests of donors, employees, volunteers, regulators and clients at the same time, and do so with less money and greater accountability.

Lower salaries among nonprofit executives and staff members can make it hard to find and retain key employees. A state analysis of the San Diego labor market shows that nonprofit workers earn an average of \$15.58 an hour, nearly \$4 less than their private-sector counterparts.

The most successful nonprofit executives are expert coalition-builders, said Tim Wolfred of CompassPoint, a San Francisco nonprofit agency that works to increase the effectiveness of charities.

"You've got to build partnerships with funders, government officials, leaders in the community you're serving, and you've got to be able to motivate your employees with something other than just salaries," Wolfred said.

"On top of all that, you've got to have good business skills."

In the past six months, four major San Diego nonprofit agencies have lost their leaders, either by resignation or death – United Way, the American Red Cross, the Neighborhood House Association and Episcopal Community Services.

Baranowski left the United Way in July after serving out his three-year contract, saying he wanted to return to banking. Douglas Sawyer was named the new chief executive two weeks later.

Longtime Neighborhood House president Carey suffered a fatal heart attack in September, prompting that agency to name an interim chief executive while the board conducts a national search for his replacement. Neighborhood House hopes to have a permanent successor in place by July.

May served her last day at Episcopal Community Services in November, ending a stormy 11-year tenure that resulted in numerous fines and penalties to the organization and a criminal investigation that remains open. That new board is expected to announce a replacement this week.

Recruited to help rebuild the troubled San Diego city government, Froman vacated her position as local Red Cross chief one day after voters made Jerry Sanders the new mayor. The Red Cross board expects to choose a new leader at its March meeting.

### **Recommendations**

The USD analysis shows that most board members need to take a more active role in overseeing their organizations, said Sara Roscoe Wilson of Nonprofit Management Solutions, a San Diego agency that provides training and other services to charitable groups.

"It's a wake-up call to boards of directors that need to become more involved in the futures of their organizations," said Wilson, who responded to the survey but has not seen the findings. "We offer board trainings and it's tough to get board members to attend."

Analysts have been warning about the pending shortage in nonprofit leadership for years. As a result, more organizations are offering training and development programs to prepare new generations of leaders.

In 2002, the University of San Diego created a graduate program in nonprofit management under its School of Leadership and Education Sciences.

The USD study concludes with suggestions aimed at preparing for a jump in executive turnover. Among other things, researchers say executives should share the findings with their boards to start a dialogue on the issue; grant makers and donors should invest more in training and leadership development; and support organizations should include succession planning in their services.

Private-sector strategies such as mentoring, talent pools and rotational assignments also might be successfully applied to the nonprofit sector, the researchers suggested.

"We need to be growing these people, and giving them opportunities to develop," said Deitrick, the USD researcher.

The study relied on data supplied by more than 160 nonprofit leaders whose annual budgets exceed \$500,000. The agencies represented a cross-section of causes, including education and the arts, environmental protection, health and human services, and international groups.

Industry experts point to several reasons for the general lack of planning beyond retiring baby boomers, who are credited with greatly expanding the role of charities through the 1960s and 1970s.

"People are very busy and boards are invested in the current director," said Frances Kunreuther of the Building Movement Project in New York, which studies generational differences in organizations. "That's who they have relationships with and that's who they're comfortable with."

Too often, there is a "glass ceiling" among more experienced nonprofit leaders that prevents them from tapping the insights of younger associates, Kunreuther said.

"They don't see you, they don't listen to you, even though they were running nonprofits when they were 35," she said. "I have to constantly remind myself to stop and listen to the next generation, and sometimes not go to that meeting and let someone else go."

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### **USD dean appointed to commission**

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Paula Cordeiro, dean of the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences, to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The position requires confirmation by the State Senate.

The commission serves as a state standards board for educator preparation for the public schools of California, the licensing and credentialing of professional educators, the enforcement of professional practices of educators, and the discipline of credential holders.

Cordeiro has been an educator nearly 30 years and has served as dean at USD since 1998. Previously she was the coordinator of the masters and doctoral programs in educational leadership at the University of Connecticut. **Source Code: 20060118tlf**

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Patricia Quijada

### Womens' Studies Institute associate director named

By *Pamela Williams*

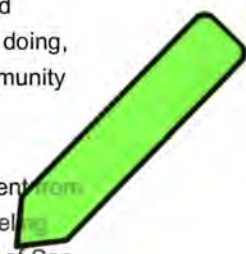
*Graduate Research Assistant, Women's Studies Institute*

(Jan. 30, 2006)--**Patricia Quijada**, UTSA assistant professor of counseling and educational psychology, has been named associate director of UTSA's **Women's Studies Institute (WSI)**.

"As the associate director for the Women's Studies Institute I seek to collaborate with the executive director, **Sonia Saldívar-Hull**, in carving out a research trajectory that seeks to produce new, creative and critically informed scholarship that deals directly with issues related toward the empowerment of women," said Quijada. "In so doing, we intend to further expand upon the collegial relationships here at UTSA and in the local San Antonio community by building alliances with faculty across disciplines and with the community."

Quijada joined UTSA in 2004 with a Ph.D. in educational psychology with an emphasis in human development from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Additionally, she earned two master's of education degrees in counseling and human development from Harvard University, a multiple-subject teaching credential from the University of San Diego, a bachelor of science degree in sociology and a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of California at Riverside.

Quijada's research interests include examining identity formations among female youth in home, community and school contexts; mother-child relationships among indigenous communities; and academic achievement among



students of color.

In the summer of 2005 with the support of WSI, Quijada collaborated with a community-based non-profit youth organization to launch the first annual JUNTAS: Cultivando a Stronger Futuro conference which focused on encouraging first-generation, 9-to-12-year-old, college-bound Chicanas/Latinas to pursue a post-secondary education.

The conference was the beginning of a longitudinal project Quijada will pursue advocating for Latinas to have opportunities to attend post-secondary institutions. With this in mind, Quijada plans for the JUNTAS conference to serve as a pilot project for a longitudinal, community-action-based research study to center on promoting the educational success of Chicanas/Latinas in the San Antonio community.

Quijada was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Scholars Advocating for Gender Equity (SAGE) committee and will co-chair Division K (Teaching and Teacher Education) Section 7 and the Adolescence Special Interest Group for the American Educational Research Association.

She has presented her research at numerous national and international conferences and most recently published "Semillas educacionales fortalecen nuestro futuro (Educational Seeds to Strengthen Our Future): K-8 Latina(o) Schooling Experiences."

Quijada will be the keynote speaker for the 2006 Young Women and Young Men's Conference sponsored by the San Antonio College Women's Center.

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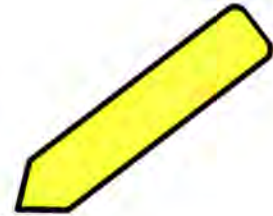
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An open house to describe USD's Nonprofit Leadership & Management Program is planned Feb. 1 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the school's **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice**. Faculty, alumni, students will participate and those attending will learn how to obtain discounted tuition for 501(c) (3) practitioners. Deadline to apply to the program for Fall 2006 is April 3. Call **John Mosby**, director of outreach and recruitment, at (619) 260-7988 for more information.

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# ARCS students aim high



Priscillia Moxley, Becki Acardo and Jeanette Foushee.  
(Below) Yolanda Walther-Meade with Jeanne Naizen,  
Caroline Etland, Tari Gilbert and, in front, Laurel Esoff,  
all from USD School of Nursing.

Fifty graduate students, some of whom may very well have an impact on cancer treatment, among other contributions, were acknowledged by the San Diego Chapter of Achieve-

ment Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) with scholarships to help further their work. In all, more than \$380,000 was awarded.



Andy Lucas,  
Jerrie Schmidt,  
Mary Beall and  
Susan Jones.  
(Right) Joan  
Wilson and  
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Now, on a less serious note, do you have a significant other who is having difficulty committing? Well, put it in the hands of Aunty Nanette. According to Joanie Bowes, her Larry was jolted into popping the question after this "super dooper snooper" (his words) spilled the beans in a recent column. Now it's official.

## No Longer a Stereotype

Friday, January 13, 2006

By JO2 Alexis R. Brown - Navy Compass

SAN DIEGO - It's been almost 100 years since the Navy Nurse Corps was established with only females being a part of the corps. Sixty years later, Jan. 5, 1968, Lt. Clarence Cote was the first male nurse allowed in the regular Navy, allowing more to follow in his footsteps.

Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) is the home to more than 500 nurses and of the nurses, 34 percent are males. In a career where males are the minority, has not stopped the dreams of a few. They now hold leadership roles, departmental positions and have continued to break barriers in the stereotyped field.

Nursing Placement Officer Capt. Rick Madison said NMCS D has a homogenous group of male nurses.

"Traditionally, nursing has been a female profession. That is how it was gendered. As men take a look around at healthcare opportunities that exist, they desire to be involved in direct patient care. They want to be involved in that more intimate, caring, and gracious care to take them from start to finish," said Madison.

"I think men have the same characteristics to care for patients that women do. A lot of us enjoy that opportunity to not just go in and spend five minutes every 24 hours like a physician may do. We enjoy a deeper relationship so you can actually spend more time. Not only do you get to know the patient, but you get to know their families. You get to know their support system and their significant others. All of those attributes are important as we optimize wellness. That is the key thing."

Madison added that he felt the military attracted male nurses more when you look at educational reasons and long-term professional opportunities.

"As you well know, you spend 20 years in the military, and you retire. Professionally, you get to grow and do various things. You can think you may want to do med surge nursing one time and then emergency room nursing later. Then, you may try clinical nursing. You may not always get what you want, but things have worked out well for me," said Madison.

Like Madison, Cmdr. Lavencion Starks kept in mind the educational and professional opportunities. The Chicago native went to college at the University of Delaware on a music scholarship, graduated and considered the military as a career opportunity.

"My mother was a nurse and a single parent who worked in hospitals where nurses, and if my mom had to work and I wasn't in school, I was at the hospital with my mom. That was what I was exposed to," said Starks.

He mentioned being near an Air Force base where his friends were Air Force encouraged him to look at the military. Out of all the branches, the Navy gave him a three-year contract and a ticket to the West coast.

"I lived in the Midwest, seen the ocean but I had never been to the West Coast, and I like to move around, so I took it," said Madison.

Madison holds a Bachelors' in Nursing and just completed his Masters' while serving on active duty in Nursing Executive Leadership at the University of San Diego. He is the senior nurse officer of the emergency department at NMCS D.

Madison said he knew he did not want to make a career as a musician and the Navy allowed him to see the world and gain an education.

In 2006, males are still considered the minority in the nurse corps across the branches, but the stereotype since early 1900s, has deteriorated, allowing them to be created equal. Madison and Starks both agree that the nursing field has been flexible and allowed them to fulfill their dreams as nurses.

**Other**

## Local Church

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### Local News in Brief

#### USD VP Receives Ecumenical Honor

SAN DIEGO – Msgr. Dan Dillabough, vice president for mission and ministry at the University of San Diego, was among the four community leaders honored at the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County's annual tribute dinner, which was held Jan. 18 at First Methodist Church in Mission Valley. The annual dinner honors Christians throughout the community who have contributed significantly to the cause of Christian unity either through involvement in the ecumenical movement or faith-inspired community service. Other honorees included: Wendell Cutting, a Senior Soldier in the Salvation Army; Rev. Art Cribbs, former president of the Ecumenical Council and pastor of Christian Fellowship United Church of Christ; and Rolf Benirschke, a former Chargers place kicker and local philanthropic leader.


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## **USD offers workshops, classes for seniors**

The University of San Diego's Office of Corporate & Professional Education is again offering The University of the Third Age (U3A) — a program providing thought-provoking speakers and enjoyable workshops to San Diego's life-long learners — age 55 or older.

This winter's program includes presentations on a range of topics including Mexico, Iraq and the U.S. military along with tips for travelers and information on herbal remedies

 ons will give a talk on the past and future of the university and Ian Campbell, general director of the San Diego Opera, will discuss great voices of the Italian opera. Musical presentations, classes

in tai chi and computer skills and a field trip round out the events.

The \$100 registration fee includes all presentations and workshops. Registration and more information is available at [www.sandiego.edu/ce/u3a](http://www.sandiego.edu/ce/u3a) or by calling (619) 260-4585.

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*Many school projects*

# Commercial construction in 2006 here not expected to miss a beat

By ERIK PISOR  
*The Daily Transcript*

SAN DIEGO — New residential construction in San Diego County is predicted to slow in 2006, as total permits pulled per year have decreased every year since 2003; however, the amount of new commercial building will remain hearty.

"We're still anticipating a fairly robust construction market," said Ron Hall, executive vice president of **McCarthy Construction's** San Diego office, adding that some segments are hotter than others.

"Net overall on the commercial side ... looks rosy," he said.

Others within the commercial building industry agree.

"2006 is going to be another good year for the (commercial construction) industry, building on the past years," said Douglas Barnhart, CEO San Diego-based **Barnhart Inc.**, the sixth largest educational builder in the nation. "We expect revenue to be up probably in the neighborhood of 5 to 6 percent."

Educational building is one segment of commercial building that is strong in 2006; Barnhart is breaking ground on a new

high school for the Poway Unified School District, a contract worth \$80 million to \$90 million.

The Grossmont Unified School District may also have contracts available for contractors because the district has not used the money from a previously passed bond, Barnhart said, adding that a new Sweetwater high school is in the works.

On the college level San Diego State University, the University of California, San Diego, the University of San Diego and the community colleges all have upcoming projects on the books.

"Right now it sure looks pretty bright. There's a lot of jobs coming up in the future (next two to three years)," said Darin Chestnut, San Diego district manager of **PCL Construction Services Inc.**, whose contracts largely consist of university construction projects.

Similar to educational building, hotel, retail and office space building are anticipated to be stout thanks to the a housing boom over the past few years, which has resulted in the need for additional

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## Commercial construction

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infrastructure as the needs of the communities have increased.

"Lots of nonresidential (construction) is being done to catch up with all the residential that was built," Hall said, adding that downtown and new development areas in Otay and Chula Vista are prime examples.

"From what I'm hearing, everyone (commercial subcontractors) is pretty maxed out on work," said Kim Clark, president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Subcontractors Association, which comprises commercial subcontractors who specialize in electrical, masonry, framing and steel. "It seems as if there is always a need. San Diego is a good place if you're a contractor."

Ron Rudolph, vice president of **Turner Construction's** San Diego office, pointed out office space is needed near Petco Park in downtown San Diego, and redevelopment projects proposed by both the Port of San Diego and Chula Vista illustrate that commercial building will be strong. He said the port alone has \$1.3 billion worth of upcoming proposals.

One segment of these proposals includes the Broadway Naval Complex; it is one part of the \$228 million downtown waterfront plan nearly one mile in length and a quarter mile wide that runs from the airport to Seaport Village. The complex is set to accommodate a minimum of 327,000 gross square feet of Navy administrative space

with parking, support infrastructure and operations and maintenance, according to a Centre City Development Corp. publication. Additionally, the Navy requested between 230,000 and 600,000 square feet of private development.

There are two other reasons to believe new commercial construction will be strong in 2006. Projects that were discontinued because of lack of funding due to construction material price escalations are now coming back online, according to Hall, and Gov. Schwarzenegger proposed on Thursday a \$222.6 billion infrastructure investment plan.

While 2006 is anticipated to be a strong year, the amount of construction by month will fluctuate, which is common of the industry.

"You have to look at the yearly to establish a trend," Rudolph said, adding that month-to-month fluctuation is nothing of large concern. When looking at year-end totals for the past three years, commercial construction appears stable year over year.

Through November 2005, permits were pulled for more than \$443 million worth of new construction and nearly \$200 million worth of new other nonresidential construction, according to most recent Construction Industry Research Board data. The CIRB considers other nonresidential construction to include churches, hospitals, institutional buildings, schools, and public works buildings.

In 2004 permits were pulled for nearly \$709 million worth of new nonresidential and commercial construction combined, and in 2003 permits were pulled for nearly \$639 million worth of commercial and nonresidential construction.

The amount of new commercial construction over the past three years and the anticipation of another strong year indicates that companies such as PCL Construction and McCarthy, which have established local offices, need not fear a reason to close.

"We're pretty bullish on the future of San Diego," Hall said. "We wouldn't open an office if it (commercial building) wasn't (anticipated to be) solid for the next decade."

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## Assembly Member Saldaña Gives First State of the District Address

*By California Political Desk*

January 24, 2006

Assembly Member Lori Saldaña (D-San Diego) addressed constituents and members of the San Diego community Friday at inaugural State of the District Address at University of San Diego's DeGherj Alumni Center.

By most accounts, the address is a routine move for a state legislator, but Saldaña said her constituents need to hear that legislators give an account of their work and provide a briefing on what is coming up on the legislative horizon.

"I prefer a very direct, grass-roots approach to the duties of my office, Saldaña said.

Saldaña reviewed some of her bills signed into law during her first year in office, including one successful measure aimed at increasing funding for services for veterans with mental health issues. Another bill provides retention bonuses for National Guard Members who have special training in responding to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

Saldaña, who serves on the Assembly's Veterans Affairs Committee, said she would continue carrying legislation aimed at assistance to veterans, active military and their families. She announced proposed legislation to increase funding for outreach efforts to returning veterans needing assistance getting their VA benefits.

Saldaña also announced that she is proposing a partnership with local governments to attract state bond money for improvements to Mission Bay. She noted that the bay generates about \$17 million annually for the city, but currently they don't see any of that money in the form of improvements to this popular San Diego amenity.

She also issued a call to action for her constituents to become more actively engaged in the lives of their community.

"Whether it's volunteering for one of our cleanup events or serving on a community planning board, the more citizens participate in the lives of their communities, the less elected officials will take them for granted," Saldaña said.

Saldaña said she is optimistic about a more cooperative spirit in Sacramento.

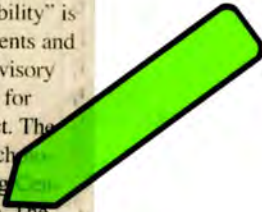
"The Legislature and the Governor have already collaborated in providing assistance to Californians denied coverage under the federal prescription drug plan," Saldaña said.

"Perhaps we can get other significant work done this year."

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**Disabled child?** "Coping as a Family with Childhood Disability" is the topic of a presentation for parents and caregivers by the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education for the Poway Unified School District. The speaker is Dr. Moises Baron, psychologist and director of the Counseling Center at the University of San Diego. The meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. at Creekside Elementary School, 12362 Springhurst Drive in Poway. For more information, call (858) 679-9859.







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## The future is now for Class of 2005

**Jennifer Larson**  
The Desert Sun  
January 3, 2006

On a clear, warm night in June, they stood on a football field, wearing slippery academic robes ruffled by the evening breeze, and bid farewell to high school.

That night is now a memory for the members of the Palm Desert High School Class of 2005. As the pages of the calendar flipped and the days passed, many of them said goodbye to the Coachella Valley and left home for college, for the military, for jobs.

In the spring, The Desert Sun followed members of the Palm Desert High senior class as they navigated the last 100 days of their high school careers.

It's been seven months since that giddy graduation night.

The students stepped - sometimes confidently, sometimes not - from the familiar into the unknown.

Where are the students now? Did they make the right decisions last spring, when deadlines stared them in the face and people quizzed them about life after high school?

Are they happy?

For the most part, yes.

"It was actually a lot better than I was expecting," said Nicholas Asbury, 18, of college.

### Making the right choice

Although Stanford University was originally his first choice when he applied to colleges, Asbury wound up attending the University of California at Berkeley.

He worried a little that his classmates would spend all their time studying and wondered how he'd get along, sharing a tiny dorm room with a stranger. But he adjusted quickly, finding "a lot of friends and cool people" and finding time to participate in a club swim team. He even joined a fraternity.

Oh, and as his mother, Karen Asbury, proudly pointed out, he earned straight A's, even with a rigorous schedule of classes.

"I'm so glad I'm there," Nicholas Asbury said. "I had doubts at first, but now I'm so happy I'm there."

Alissa Breindel, 18, is pretty happy she's attending Berkeley, too. Breindel, the Palm Desert class valedictorian last year, remembered how stressed she was in



Desert Sun File Photo  
Valedictorian Alissa Breindel, then 18, is pictured at Palm Desert High School's graduation ceremonies on June 9.

### SOME SAGE ADVICE

Some of the members of Palm Desert High School's Class of 2005 muse over what they might tell this year's group of high school seniors:

**Nicholas Asbury:** "Don't go into college feeling too confident because college will surprise you with its difficulty."

**Alissa Breindel:** "Once you're in college, basically it's up to you. You're making your own decisions, and what you decide affects your own life."

**Joy Isravisvakul:** "Even if you don't get accepted to the school that you really want to go to, the school that you're going to pick is going to work out in the end, hopefully."

The last **100** days  
2005

- 100 days til the rest of their lives
- A spring break to remember
- It's decision time for valley's seniors
- Cherishing the last dance
- Nearing the end of a journey
- Today is day one of the rest of their lives

the spring, trying to choose from a long list of possible colleges.

"Everyone was like, 'You'll know the right college when you visit,'" she said. "And I visited the ones near home, and I was like, 'It's not happening.' But I visited Berkeley and I thought, 'This feels about right.'"

Breindel's become good friends with her roommate, along with a number of other people on campus. She decided not to load up her schedule with too many courses this first year so that she could get join a number of clubs, including a dance performance group and a mentorship program.

Like Asbury, whom she sees on campus every once in awhile, Breindel likes being so close to San Francisco, too.

"I'm a little bit calmer," Breindel said. "I just really want to get the experience of meeting different people and being involved in stuff."

Southern California called out to Joy Isravisvakul, 18, but she's just as convinced that she's in the right place, too. Unlike many of her high school classmates who enrolled at large state schools, she chose the relatively small environment of a private college, the University of San Diego.

And the size of the school suits her just fine. Her classes are similar in size to her high school classes, and she recognizes faces all over campus. Plus, she likes the fact that her professors are able to pay personal attention to their students.

"They knew my name, unlike (some) schools where my friends go," Isravisvakul said.

## Switching gears

For at least one graduate, however, the best-laid plans didn't come to pass. At least, not yet.

As a member of her high school water polo team who was also a good student, Kayleigh Hyde was eager to follow her older sister to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

But just three weeks into basic training over the summer, Hyde injured her left shoulder. Rather than face failing out of basic training and risking her coveted spot in the academy, Hyde returned to Palm Desert.

So instead of spending her fall as a cadet as she had long dreamed, Hyde found herself at home, unsure what to do. But not for long. She landed an internship in U.S. Rep. Mary Bono's Palm Springs office, and she also helped out in her father's air-conditioning company office. And she's been receiving physical therapy for her injury and exercising at home.

"I really want to go back to the academy, though, because it's the only thing I know," she said.

After Hyde passes a physical later this year and gets cleared to return, she can start preparing to join a new class of cadets in late June at the academy. She still remembers her first three weeks with a smile, and can't wait to return and give it another shot.

"It will be a lot easier for me, I think, mentally because I know what to expect, and it will be easier for me to prepare," she said.

## Can you go home again?

It's pretty natural for recent high school grads and their parents to wonder what that first visit home will be like.

Author Thomas Wolfe may have claimed, in the title of one of his books, that "you can't go home again," it didn't seem to be true in this case.

Hyde didn't plan to be home this year, but she's made the most of it. She's spent time with her younger friends and hung out with former classmates who are home for vacation.

And parents have eagerly welcomed home for the holidays these fledgling adults who used to be their young children.

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On loan from the Timken Museum of Art, the "Icons" exhibit at USD's Fountain Gallery features images of 22 Russian religious icons dating from the 16th through 19th centuries, thru Feb. 25. Tues.-Sat 12-4, Thur. 12-6. 5998 Alcalá Park, 619-260-4261; sandiego.edu.

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**COLLEGES**

**Founders Gallery, USD** Founders Hall, USD. Open Noon to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays. (619) 260-4261. "Icons," a display of religious icons on loan from the Timken Museum of Art, runs through Feb. 28.

## Going to Town

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006

Upcoming film, theater and music events:

### FILM

**Media matters.** In an age of socially-conscious documentaries (think "Super Size Me" and "The Corporation"), it's easy to feel simultaneously inspired to action and yet helpless upon leaving the theater. Well, nonprofit organization Media Rights is seeking to change that, with its Fifth Annual Media That Matters Film Festival. The traveling, year-long festival tours the nation, from big cities to small towns, not only screening films but also hosting workshops on how to produce and distribute digital films with a conscience.

The festival stops in San Diego tonight for a one-day only screening of 16 digital shorts (each no longer than 8 minutes). The films were selected from a pool of 450 entries -- half of which were created by filmmakers under 25 - and address everything from sustainable agriculture to civic engagement to social justice. Enrico Cullen, one of the film festival's founders, said hosting these community screenings is one way to facilitate people in "making the move from emotion to action." He explained, "Sometimes you walk away from a screening that touches you but not sure what to do. Our role is to generate that interest, provide tools and opportunities to bring about social change."

In order for film viewers to do something about what they just witnessed, Cullen's organization has put together a festival Web site that includes "Take Action" resource links for individuals who want to become more involved with an issue seen on screen. For example, viewers who were inspired by one of the featured shorts, such as "Young Agrarians," can visit the site to learn more find sustainable farms and farmers' markets in their area.

"Media That Matters Film Festival" screens 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcalá Park, University of San Diego campus. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Johanna Divine (producer of "Young Agrarians") and a reception. The event is free, though reservations through the festival's Web site are encouraged. For more information and to see film clips, visit [www.mediathatmattersfest.org/mtm05](http://www.mediathatmattersfest.org/mtm05).

More films:

-- "The Valley of the Dog Songs" follows the lives of six songwriting artists, who although live in different parts of the world share a common desire to create. The film was shot in Amsterdam, Jakarta, Buenos Aires, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Lima and features a soundtrack by San Diego-based musician Phil Beaumont. The screening is followed by a reception and performance by Beaumont and local band Maquiladora, at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's La Jolla location, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19.

-- Set in 1930s Rome during the rise of Italian fascism, Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Conformist," is brimming with politics, sex and gorgeous cinematography. In Italian with English subtitles. Opens Friday, Jan. 20 at the Landmark Hillcrest Cinema (CC)

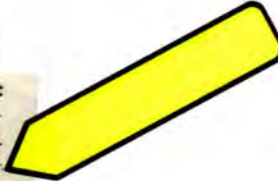
### THEATER

**Sitting on a park bench.** Two men who have never met before make each other's acquaintance at the graveside of Flo Halpern. As the men tell their stories, they learn about the love they both had for the same woman regardless of the fact that she was married to one of them for 30 years. Written by Lionel Goldstein, "Halpern & Johnson" makes its West Coast premiere this weekend at the North Coast Repertory Theatre, starring Jonathan McMurtry and Robert Grossman. Opens at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 and runs 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 7 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 19. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D, Solana Beach. Info: (858) 481-2155 or [www.northcoastrep.org](http://www.northcoastrep.org).

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**Fifth Annual "Media That Matters Film Festival,"** Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Films to "make you laugh, make you think, inspire you to take action." Free. Reservations: 646-230-6288. (LINDA VISTA)



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## With Dinner-Dance, Women's Resource Network Celebrates Lives Saved

By Denis Grasska

ESCONDIDO – In the three decades since *Roe v. Wade*, legal abortion has taken the lives of millions of unborn American children. But millions more have been saved through the tireless work of the pro-life community.

It's those successes that the Women's Resource Network will celebrate Feb. 14 at its first annual "Love for Life" Valentine Dinner-Dance.

"We are continuing to work on behalf of the sanctity of human life – all of the pro-life organizations and individuals – but we wish to celebrate the lives we have saved, the families we have helped build through adoption and the women we've helped heal after abortion," said Women's Resource Network constituent relations director Ann Ward, who is serving as chief contact for the dinner-dance.

The upcoming event will include four hours of dinner and dancing; opportunities for attending couples, dressed in semi-formal attire, to pose for professional Valentine's Day photos; a presentation of awards to several of San Diego County's pro-life heroes; a screening of new pro-life television commercials; and a silent auction, which will benefit participating pro-life organizations.

The Women's Resource Network is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit corporation founded by

### More than 200 people are expected to attend the Valentine's Day event

Dana Serrano Chisholm "to strengthen and expand existing services which offer abortion alternatives and pregnancy prevention education in the State of California." According to its Web site, it is comprised of several independent pro-life organizations, such as Capitol Resource Institute, Focus on the Family, Concerned Women for America, crisis pregnancy centers, non-profit health and human services and related associations.

While the network focuses its efforts on San Diego County, it is also involved in pro-life advocacy on the state and national levels, enjoying the support of several elected officials, with whom the organization works closely.

Throughout much of the 1990s, Ward said, the Women's Resource Network each year staged "a prayerful memorial" on Jan. 22 – the day *Roe v. Wade* was decided. Among those attending the popular event were San Diego pro-life advocates and their families, including pastors and members of several local churches.

That event, which focused more on the casualties of

abortion, has given way to this year's more festive "Love for Life" Dinner-Dance, which emphasizes the great strides the pro-life movement has already made.

"No one is failing to acknowledge these precious little unborn babies," Ward said, explaining that the dancing and celebrating are not intended to mask the tragic truth about abortion. "But at the same time, this is a celebration of the lives that have been saved and the organizations that continue to weather the storm."

"It's about bringing our community together to celebrate life," she added.

More than 200 people are expected to attend the Valentine's Day event, which will be held at the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Individual tickets will be available for \$50 each, while an entire table for eight can be reserved for \$350. The network also invites potential sponsors to donate to its pro-life efforts.

Reservations, including choice of dinner entree (top sirloin with peppercorn sauce, grilled spring salmon, or vegetarian), must be made either through the mail, by phone or online by Feb. 8.

For more information on the Women's Resource Network or the "Love for Life" Dinner-Dance, visit [www.wrnetwork.org](http://www.wrnetwork.org) or call (760) 741-5114.

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**Association for Life  
to host benefit**

SAN DIEGO — The Association for Life of San Diego will host "Love for Life," a Valentine dinner-dance fundraiser, Feb. 14 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park.

A wine bar and silent auction will commence at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing from 7 to 11. Tickets cost \$50 and \$350 for a table of eight. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 8 to Women's Resource Network, 2411 E. Valley Parkway, No. 315, Escondido, CA 92027; [www.WRNetwork.org](http://www.WRNetwork.org); (760) 741-5114; or [ann@wrnetwork.org](mailto:ann@wrnetwork.org).

Silent auction proceeds will benefit regional groups, including Alternatives Pregnancy Care Clinic in Escondido, Birth Choice of San Marcos, Life Choices in Poway and Pregnancy Resource Center in Oceanside.



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## 50 Leading Authorities Address Pressing Corporate Governance Issues; Event Brings Together Directors, Management and Shareholders in Dialogue; Small Number of Attendees Allows for Interaction Among Event Participants

--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

**WHAT:** The leading corporate governance experts in America will address the hottest topics at Directors Forum 2006. Directors, management and shareholders are invited to attend the event, which is presented by San Diego-based Corporate Directors Forum. The event is limited to 200 attendees, allowing ample opportunity for interaction between the premier speakers and attendees.

Keynote speakers are Patricia C. Dunn, chairman of Hewlett-Packard Co. and vice chairman of Barclays Global Investors; Aylwin Lewis, CEO of Sears Holding Corp. and director of The Walt Disney Co.; Nell Minow, editor and co-founder of The Corporate Library; and Anne Simpson, executive director of International Corporate Governance Network (U.K.). Other speakers from Pfizer, The Coca-Cola Company, Microsoft, Chevron, Goodyear and more will take part in the event.

Topics include:

- Impact of Sarbanes-Oxley, 404 and other corporate reforms
- Determining who should serve on a board of directors
- Audit committee best practices
- Proxy advisory services/governance ratings
- Board evaluations
- Executive sessions
- Board and company ethics
- Best practices in executive

**WHEN:** Three-day event -- Jan. 25-27, 2006  
See [www.directorsforum.org/2006](http://www.directorsforum.org/2006) for complete schedule.

**WHERE:** University of San Diego  
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

**COST:** \$1,995 per person.  
MasterCard, VISA, American Express and check payable to Corporate Directors Forum accepted

**RSVP:** Call 858-455-7930 or e-mail [cdf@directorsforum.com](mailto:cdf@directorsforum.com). For a downloadable registration form, visit [www.directorsforum.org/2006](http://www.directorsforum.org/2006).

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## NextLevel provides 3-year commitment to Social Venture Partners

### OrgWatch

By Christina Rudloff

**NextLevel Internet**, a business-to-business co-location, Internet and managed data services provider, will provide a three-year community relations commitment to San Diego Social Venture Partners, a nonprofit community organization.

"San Diego's business community has supported NextLevel and has allowed us to be successful. This is an opportunity for us to make a significant contribution to our community as a whole," said Jerry Morris, NextLevel founder and general manager. "SDSVP's philanthropy model is the most creative way that I know to leverage every dollar available for a charitable organization by requiring a business-like accountability throughout the funding cycle."

A volunteer-driven organization, SDSVP is dedicated to providing various services such as mentoring, technology, strategic planning, finance, fund development, legal, marketing and more to community organizations.

"We applaud NextLevel

Internet's contribution and commitment to our organization," said Alan Sorkin, vice chairman of SDSVP. "With corporate support such as NextLevel's, we can continue to succeed at building a community of social investors who invest their time, talents and resources in the San Diego community." **Source Code: 20060126tga**

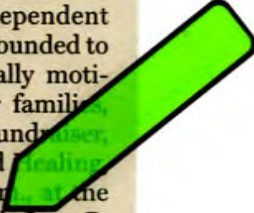
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Survivors of Torture, International, an independent nonprofit organization founded to aid survivors of politically motivated torture and their families, will hold its annual fundraiser, Celebration of Hope and Healing, on Feb. 26, from 2-5 p.m. at the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice.

This year's event will feature a live performance about a torture survivor titled, "I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady from Rwanda." The play will be followed by a reception.

All proceeds will directly benefit Survivor's client services.

Tickets cost \$50. For information, visit [www.notorture.org](http://www.notorture.org), or call (619) 278-2400. **Source Code:**



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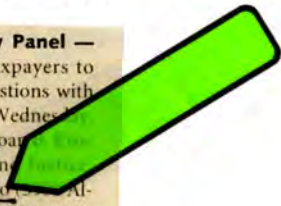
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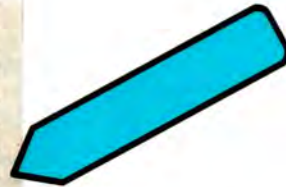
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## **Athletics**

## Balance of USD breaks Broncos

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**By Carter Cromwell**  
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

January 31, 2006

SANTA CLARA – Balance, as it has been much of this season, was key for the USD basketball team last night.

On a night when leading scorer Nick Lewis was held to just seven points, four other Toreros stepped up to score in double figures and lead USD to an 81-66 West Coast Conference victory over Santa Clara.

- West Coast Conf.
- USD vs. Santa Clara: Summary

The win was the fourth in the last five games for USD, now 14-6 overall and 4-3 in conference action.

“There's no question that balance is one of our strengths,” Toreros coach Brad Holland said. “We don't have to rely on one or two guys to do all the scoring. Nick didn't have his best game tonight, but the other guys picked up the slack. Even Brandon Johnson, a freshman, gave us nine points and hit some big shots.”

USD guard Ross DeRogatis, who scored 14 points and has scored 83 in the last five games, added, “Santa Clara changed its defense to double-and triple-team Nick, and that just opened up the floor for the other guys.”

Lewis only had three points until the final couple of minutes. However, Toreros forward Corey Belser stepped up to score a game-high 15 points and had a game-leading eight rebounds. Ray Murdock added 11 points and Gyno Pomare 10.

Santa Clara was hindered by the absence of 6-7 forward Travis Niesen, the WCC's fourth-leading scorer (18.8 points per game) and No. 6 rebounder (6.5 rpg). Niesen did not play because of back spasms. The Broncos (8-11, 1-6) started two freshmen, two sophomores and a walk-on.

Belser's 11 first-half points paced USD to a 45-33 halftime lead. Pomare added nine points in the half, and DeRogatis eight. The Toreros made 72 percent of their shots in the first 20 minutes, including five of eight three-point shots.

Belser's layup with 10:51 left gave the Toreros their largest lead of the half, 25-12. Santa Clara, which has lost six straight games, rallied to trail by just five points at 38-33 following a 14-footer and then a three-point shot from the right by Brandon Rohe, the latter with 2:15 remaining. However, USD scored the final seven points of the half.

The Toreros had little trouble retaining control in the second half, never leading by fewer than eight

points.

A string of nine consecutive points – the last coming on a three-point shot by Johnson – gave USD its biggest lead at 66-50 with 8:56 left in the game.

“Defense is our first priority, and we didn't play our best defensive game tonight,” Holland said. “But we played well enough to win.”

DeRogatis added, “We were a little careless in the first half on defense, particularly the guards. We didn't guard their guards very well.”

Nonetheless, the Toreros had little to complain about.

“The thing I'm really happy with is that we came away with a good win and were able to sweep the two games up here,” Holland added. “Sometimes, there can be a letdown after winning the first of a two-game trip, but we took care of business tonight. Now we're 4-3 in the conference, and that's a real turnaround after starting 0-2.”

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Toreros rally to beat Saint Mary's

By: Associated Press

MORAGA ---- Brandon Johnson and Nick Lewis combined to score 12 straight points to help the University of San Diego men's basketball team overcome a late deficit and defeat Saint Mary's 86-78 Saturday night.

Johnson tied the game at 60, hitting a free throw with 6:37 to play. Lewis sank two free throws and a 3-pointer before Johnson scored two baskets and a pair of free throws as USD (13-6, 3-3 West Coast Conference) earned its first conference road victory.

Ross DeRogatis led the Toreros with 21 points, including four 3-pointers. Lewis added 18 points, former El Camino High standout Gyno Pomare had 13, Johnson 12 and Corey Belser 10.

Daniel Kickert scored 25 points to lead Saint Mary's (8-10, 1-5), which fell to 0-3 at home in conference play.

Saint Mary's overcame a six-point deficit early in the second half, going on an 18-6 run as Wayne Hunter hit his only two baskets of the night, both 3-pointers, and sank a pair of free throws for eight of his 10 points.

Kickert scored five points during the run that gave the Gaels a 55-49 lead. After Diamon Simpson scored on a drive with 8:34 to play, Saint Mary's was held without a basket until Todd Golden's layup with 1:49 to play.

The Toreros kept the game under control from the foul line after their run, which gave them a 71-60 lead. They made 25-of-31 free throws. USD also won the rebounding battle 34-29, grabbing 10 offensive rebounds, and forced 18 turnovers.

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**USD center Nick Lewis scores nine points, the only time he hasn't scored in double figures this season.**  
*Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*

# No letdown for Toreros vs. Pilots

## DeRogatis bangs home six threes in victory

By Hank Weir  
STAFF WRITER

A USD letdown last night against Portland in the wake of Saturday's disappointing one-point loss to No. 6 Gonzaga might have been understandable.

**Toreros 78** But to the Toreros it was unacceptable.

**Portland 68** And led by the first-half sharp-shooting of junior guard Ross DeRogatis, USD concluded its three-game West Coast Conference

homestand with a 78-68 bounce-back victory over the Pilots before 2,586 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

DeRogatis went 5-for-6 on three-point shots in the first half as the Toreros (12-6, 2-3 WCC) built a nine-point lead. USD then weathered a Portland storm in the first 1:15 of the second half and kept the Pilots (8-12, 2-4) at a safe distance the rest of the way.

"Our goal was to let it (Gonzaga) go by our next practice, 3 o'clock on Sunday," said DeRogatis, who finished with a team-high 19 points. "It might have affected us a little at the start of this game, but we knew it was imperative to win and not go 0-2 at home."

DeRogatis pumped in five straight three-pointers in the first 9:29 of the

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## DeRogatis' three-point shooting key

game. The last two, on successive possessions around a Portland three-pointer, boosted USD to a 22-18 lead and touched off a run of seven straight points by Toreros freshman Gyno Pomare.

Pomare's 13 first-half points were one fewer than his total scoring output in the past three games. Pomare, who came off the bench for the third straight game after starting all but one of the first 14, wound up with 17 points and eight rebounds, his most productive output since conference play began on Jan. 7.

It came in a game where USD's senior front-line leaders, Nick Lewis and Corey Belser, were not up to their usual offensive standards. Lewis (9 points, 7 rebounds) scored in single figures for the first time all season. Belser's five-point output was higher only than the two he produced at Santa Barbara in the second game of the season, but he did put the defensive clamps on Portland's Donald Wilson and grabbed nine rebounds.

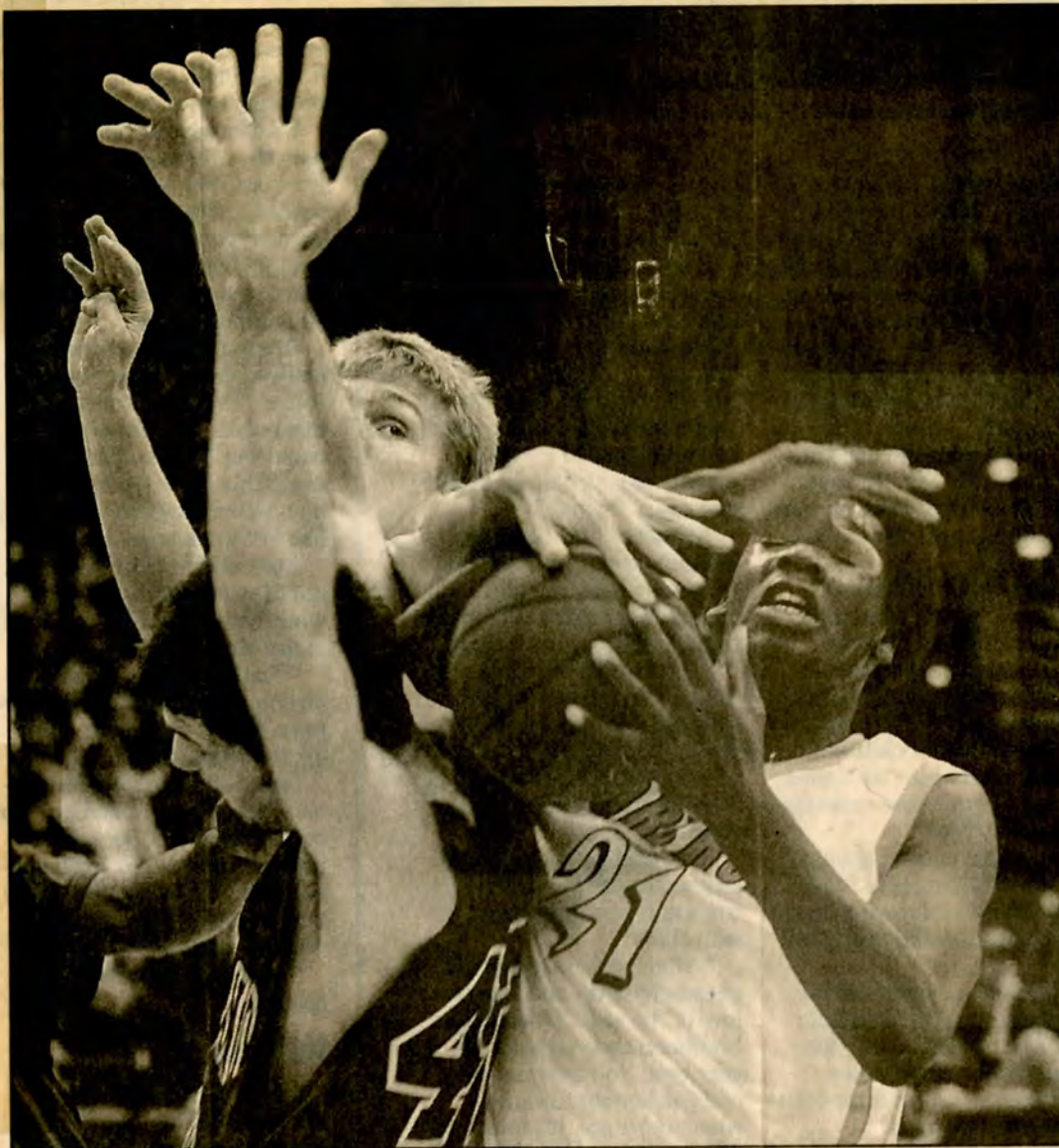
"None of our other big men played particularly well or particularly poorly, but Gyno was outstanding," USD coach Brad Holland said. "He really picked us up."

"We all understand that to have such a great atmosphere and come up empty on Saturday could easily have had an adverse affect. But under the circumstances, I thought the team responded well. We didn't play as well as we did Saturday, but we're pleased with the win."

For Pomare and fellow freshman Ray Murdock, who tied a career high with nine points, transitioning from non-conference to conference play has been a learning experience.

"It's a whole other level," Pomare said.

"Getting used to the speed of the game is the main thing," Murdock said. "My role is to play defense, rebound and put



USD's Gyno Pomare (right) has 17 points and eight boards. *Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*

it up if I get open shots."

Murdock's jumper 2:29 into the second half ended an 8-0 Portland run that had brought the Pilots to within 44-43. It started the Toreros on a 14-4 run, capped by DeRogatis' final three-pointer of the game. He was 1-for-2 in the second half to finish 6-for-8 for the night. He also had six assists.

"I thought the difference in the game was the three-point shooting of Ross DeRogatis," Portland coach Michael Holton said. "His shooting in the first half pretty much separated them, and we had to play uphill the rest of the way."

Portland got a game-high 26 points from All-WCC guard Pooh Jeter and 15 off the bench from Marcus Lewis.

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**SUMMARY**

PORTLAND	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	PF	Pts
Wilson	34	2-4	0-0	8	1	3	4
Sullivan	32	5-9	0-0	5	3	2	11
Field	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Jeter	40	9-18	5-5	3	1	2	26
Dominguez	27	3-6	0-1	1	3	3	8
McTear	6	0-0	0-0	0	2	3	0
Lewis	28	7-15	1-5	5	1	4	15
Carter	12	0-4	0-0	2	0	1	0
Tiefenthaler	11	1-2	2-2	4	0	2	4
Jones	8	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-59</b>	<b>8-13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>68</b>

Percentages: FG .458, FT .615. 3-Point Goals: 6-15, .400 (Jeter 3-6, Dominguez 2-4, Sullivan 1-3, Carter 0-2). Team Rebounds: 0. Blocked Shots: 1 (Sullivan). Turnovers: 14 (Sullivan 4, Jeter 3, Lewis 2, Field, McTear, Carter, Tiefenthaler, Jones). Steals: 9 (Wilson 3, Sullivan 2, Lewis 2, Jeter, Dominguez).

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	PF	Pts
Belser	37	1-5	3-4	9	2	9	5
White	13	1-2	2-4	2	4	2	4
N.Lewis	27	3-10	3-5	7	0	1	9
DeRogatis	33	6-10	1-2	0	6	1	19
Murdock	20	3-5	3-4	2	1	2	9
Johnson	22	3-5	4-7	0	3	2	10
Brown	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Pomare	23	6-6	5-5	8	0	2	17
Cohen	17	2-4	0-0	1	2	3	5
Smith	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-47</b>	<b>21-31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>78</b>

Percentages: FG .532, FT .677. 3-Point Goals: 7-16, .438 (DeRogatis 6-8, Cohen 1-1, Johnson 0-1, N.Lewis 0-2, Belser 0-4). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocks: 4 (Belser, N.Lewis, Pomare, Murdock). Turnovers: 15 (N.Lewis 3, DeRogatis 3, Johnson 3, Murdock 2, White 2, Belser, Cohen). Steals: 4 (Cohen 2, Belser, Murdock).

Portland (8-12, 2-4)	35	33	- 68
San Diego (12-6, 2-3)	44	34	- 78

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**West Coast Conf.**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Gonzaga	6	0	1.000	16	3	.842
LMU	5	1	.833	9	12	.429
San Francisco	3	2	.600	7	11	.389
<b>USD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.667</b>
Portland	2	4	.333	8	12	.400
Pepperdine	2	4	.333	6	12	.333
Santa Clara	1	4	.200	8	9	.471
Saint Mary's	1	4	.200	8	9	.471

**Yesterday's Games**

USD 78, Portland 68  
 Pepperdine 65, Santa Clara 45  
 Loyola Marymount 78, Saint Mary's 70  
 Gonzaga 84, San Francisco 75

**Saturday's Games**

USD at Saint Mary's, 7 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Santa Clara, 7 p.m.  
 Loyola Marymount at Pepperdine, 7:30

**Monday, Jan. 30 Games**

USD at Santa Clara, 7 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Saint Mary's, 8 p.m.

# Freshmen keep their focus, lead USD to victory

TOM SHANAHAN  
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — The bad that comes with college freshmen is some aren't mature enough to understand that once January brings conference play, the game is played at another level of intensity than nonconference contests.

The good that comes with that same lack of understanding is that freshmen don't take

a heartbreaking one-point loss — such as the one the University of San Diego's men's basketball team suffered Saturday against sixth-ranked Gonzaga — as hard as the veterans.

Seniors Nick Lewis and Corey Belser were off their games offensively Monday night against Portland, two nights after the close call against Gonzaga. So freshmen Gyno Pomare, Ray Murdock and Brandon Johnson carried USD to a 78-68 West Coast Conference victory before 2,586 fans at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"Maybe they (the freshmen) didn't have maybe as many ill effects from Saturday as some of our veterans," USD coach Brad Holland said. "I really liked the play of our freshman guys."

The Toreros (12-6, 2-3) still are climbing out of the hole they dug by opening conference play with losses at Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine.

Pomare, a redshirt freshman center from El Camino High who lost his starting job after the losses to Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine, came off the bench for the third straight game and scored 17 points with eight rebounds. The 6-foot-7, 220-pounder hit 6-of-6 shots from



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USD's Gyno Pomare (21) shoots over Marcus Carter of Portland during the first half.

the field and 5-of-5 from the free-throw line.

"This is a whole other level," Pomare said. "Once you get into conference you've got to play harder."

Murdock, a true freshman from Phoenix who starts at off guard, had turned tentative in conference play. Against Portland (8-12, 2-4), though, he didn't hesitate. Murdock hit 3-of-5 field-goal attempts and got to the line to make 3-of-4 free-throw attempts for nine points.

Johnson, a true freshman from Houston who sees extensive time as the backup point guard, scored 10 points and took better care of the ball.

With Lewis (nine points) and Belser (five points) nearly 18 points below their combined season averages, USD gave a hint of how good it can be when the freshmen are scoring threats along with the veterans.

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The Toreros held a 44-35 halftime lead despite Holland's contention that they didn't play well. Junior guard Ross DeRogatis, who finished with 19 points, hit his first five 3-point field-goal attempts before finish-

ing 6-of-8.

"Our goal was to let (Gonzaga) go by the next day when we practiced," DeRogatis said. "It might still have been in our heads a little, but I think we picked it up in the second half. I think we played a pretty decent game."

Thanks to three still-maturing freshmen.

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**USD vs. Portland**

**Site/time:** Jenny Craig  
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**Records:** USD 11-6, 1-3  
WCC; Portland 8-11, 2-3

**Series:** USD, 36-21

**Outlook:** USD completes a three-game WCC homestand begun with a victory over Santa Clara a week ago and continued with a 64-63 loss to No. 6 Gonzaga on Saturday. Portland lost 62-50 at San Francisco on Saturday and is 1-2 on the road in league play. The Pilots are led by the senior guard combination of Pooh Jeter (17.4 ppg) and Darren Cooper (13.4). USD is led by seniors Nick Lewis (19.5 ppg) and Corey Belser (13.4), and junior guard Ross DeRogatis (11.4).

- HANK WESCH



JAN 23 2006

## USD can't fret over close losses in WCC

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

At the end of the nonconference season it appeared that USD was the team most likely to challenge Gonzaga for the West Coast Conference basketball championship.

At the end of Saturday's 64-63 victory over USD, Gonzaga coach Mark Few said he brought his No. 6-ranked Bulldogs to San Diego feeling the Toreros were "probably the team we need to beat to win this league."

But at the moment, coach Brad Holland's Toreros are just one of four teams with three league losses in the first two weeks of the WCC season. And they have plenty of work to do, starting tonight against Portland, if they are to be a legitimate threat to Gonzaga in one or two more meetings in Spokane, Wash. — on Feb. 25, on the final weekend of the regular season and, potentially, the following week when the Zags host the WCC Tournament.

The Toreros' three WCC losses, against one victory, have been by a total of four points. Loyola Marymount prevailed 86-84 on a shot at the buzzer; a three-pointer with 9.3 seconds remaining provided Gonzaga's margin of victory; and Pepperdine held on 55-54 when a last-second USD shot rimmed out.

"It's the bounce of the ball sometimes," Holland said after the Gonzaga game. "Our kids played a whale of a game, a great game, against the No. 6 team in the nation, and I told them that.

"But to close out a team like that, you've got to finish every play and we didn't come up with that one rebound (on Gonzaga's last possession)."

Gonzaga rebounded a missed shot and got the ball

to senior Errol Knight, who made his first three-point shot of the season. Two USD attempts at the other end were thwarted before the buzzer.

"We get that rebound and it's game over," Holland said.

The Toreros' task now is to put the Gonzaga experience behind and turn their focus to the future.

"That we lost to Gonzaga, the No. 6 team in the country, by one point is disappointing, but it also should be a boost to our confidence," said USD senior forward Nick Lewis. "No matter what happened we still have to play Portland (tonight) and we need to be ready.

"It's a conference game and we can still accomplish a lot in the conference."

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# Tough loss for USD in battle vs. Zags

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

The one person in the whole world Gonzaga coach Mark Few would have picked to hit a game-winning three-pointer was among the last Zags USD would have expected.

But Errol Knight, a back-from-injury senior who is the reigning West Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, delivered with 9.3 seconds left to provide No. 6 Gonzaga with a 64-63 victory over the Toreros

yesterday before 5,132 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

NO. 6  
Gonzaga  
**64**

Toreros  
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Knight had arthroscopic surgery for frayed cartilage in his left knee on Nov. 8 and an additional 'scope 20 days later after developing an infection in the area. He missed Gonzaga's first eight games. He came into yesterday's game 1-for-8 on field goals

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As Corey Belser watches, USD's Ross DeRogatis misses over Gonzaga's Derek Raivio. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

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## It's good Knight for Gonzaga in close WCC game

and without a three-point try.

He was 3-for-8 yesterday and 0-for-1 on three-point shots when the Zags inbounded the ball near midcourt with 25 seconds left, trailing 63-61. Yet there Knight was, open in the right corner, to take a pass from Derek Raivio after the Bulldogs (15-3, 5-0) got an offensive rebound from a missed Raivio three-point attempt.

"If I could pick one person in the whole world to hit a three-pointer at the end of the game to win a game — based on everything he has been through — it would be Errol Knight," Few said. "He deserves it."

What is and isn't deserved is a rather touchy subject at the moment with USD (11-6, 1-3). The Toreros' three WCC losses have been by a combined four points: two on surrendered baskets in the last 10 seconds, one when a three-point shot of their own spun out at the buzzer.

After Knight's basket, USD had two chances to win the game. But Brandon Johnson's hotly contested runner from the right side of the lane came off the rim and Ross DeRogatis' lean-in attempt on a follow was short at the buzzer.

Asked about the final play, USD coach Brad Holland cited the protocol that he could not comment on officiating. Then said, firmly:

"Ross DeRogatis was fouled at the very end. Period. Ham-

## West Coast Conf.

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Gonzaga	5	0	1.000	15	3	.833
LMU	4	1	.800	7	12	.368
San Francisco	3	1	.750	7	10	.412
Portland	2	3	.400	8	11	.421
<b>USD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.647</b>
Santa Clara	1	3	.250	8	8	.500
Saint Mary's	1	3	.250	8	8	.500
Pepperdine	1	4	.200	5	12	.294

### Yesterday's Games

Gonzaga 64, USD 63  
 San Francisco 62, Portland 50  
 Saint Mary's 83, Pepperdine 61  
 Loyola Marymount 72, Santa Clara 62

### Tomorrow's Games

Portland at USD, 6 p.m.  
 Gonzaga at San Francisco, 7 p.m.  
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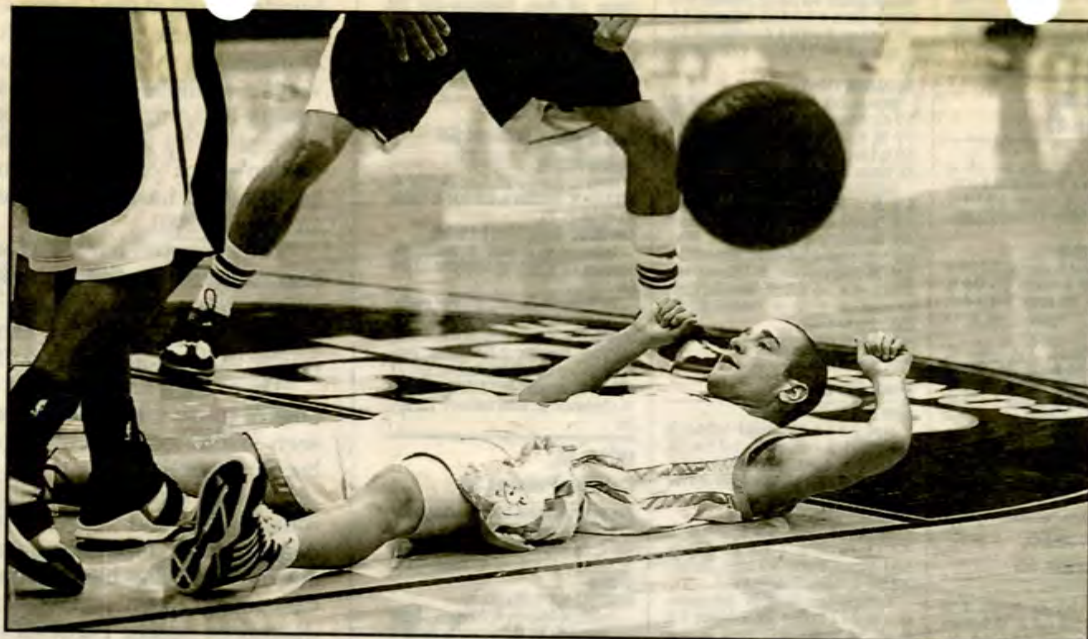
mered. Fouled."

That ended a game in which USD was held nearly 18 points below its seasonal average and Gonzaga 16 below.

Think there was some defense played? USD's Corey Belser, with situational help from teammates, limited Gonzaga's Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer, to 16 points, 12 below his average. Morrison was 5-for-11 from the field, 3-for-7 while scoring nine points in the first half.

Morrison became a decoy at times in the second half as the Zags had success pounding the ball inside to J.P. Batista. The 6-foot-9, 269-pound senior didn't score his first point until eight minutes into the second but tied Morrison with 16.

"He (Belser) is one of the best defenders, but you have to give his teammates credit too," Morrison said. "They were in a triangle-and-two defense, so it



USD's Ross DeRogatis stays on the floor after his last-second shot missed. Jim Baird / Union-Tribune

wasn't just him. All Belser wanted to do is stop Morrison, stop Morrison, while we were trying to win the game. ... He did a good job and I respect him as a player, but like I said, I'm 4-0 against him."

Said Few: "Corey is a phenomenal defender, but these days Adam is like Jesse James; everybody's out to get him. He's seen every kind of defense and he's been guarded by some very good players."

Holland rated USD's team defense "great" in both halves and said of Belser:

"Corey did an awesome job. For anybody to say that Corey isn't the best or one of the three best defenders in the nation — you're not watching college basketball."

The first half was, overall, the Toreros' best since they entered WCC play. But Gonzaga scored the last five points and shut out USD for the final 4:56

in taking a 31-26 halftime lead.

The difference at halftime came at the free-throw line, where Gonzaga was 6-for-6 and USD 0-for-4.

USD scored the first five points of the second half to tie the score, and neither team could build more than a six-point advantage the rest of the way. Nick Lewis had 15 of his game-high 18 points in the second half for the Toreros.

It was 61-61 entering the final minute when Johnson triggered a steal for USD with 38.7 seconds left. Nir Cohen's drive and lay-in with 29 seconds left put USD in front and set up the decisive plays at the end.

While Gonzaga is used to playing before large crowds, yesterday's sellout was a rare occurrence at USD.

"The (USD) kids and the staff here deserve crowds like this every game," Few said. "They're great kids and a great team."

## SUMMARY

### No. 6 Gonzaga 64, USD 63

GONZAGA	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Morrison	34	5-11	4-5	1-2	0	3	16
Mallon	17	2-3	2-2	2-4	0	1	6
Batista	26	5-10	5-5	3-10	0	4	16
Alt-Cespedes	28	5-10	0-0	2-3	4	2	12
Raivio	30	0-9	0-0	0-1	2	2	0
Pargo	12	0-3	0-0	2-4	3	0	0
Gurganious	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Knight	21	4-9	1-2	3-4	1	1	10
Pendergraft	27	1-2	2-2	1-6	0	1	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-57</b>	<b>14-16</b>	<b>16-39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>

Pts: FG .386, FT .875. 3-Point Goals: 6-20, .300 (Morrison 2-4, Altidor-Cespedes 2-5, Batista 1-1, Knight 1-2, Pendergraft 0-1, Pargo 0-1, Raivio 0-6). Team Rebs: 5. Blocks: 6 (Knight 2, Morrison 2, Altidor-Cespedes, Batista). Turnovers: 16 (Batista 4, Morrison 3, Pargo 3, Raivio 2, Knight, Mallon, Pendergraft, Gurganious). Steals: 9 (Raivio 3, Altidor-Cespedes 2, Mallon, Pendergraft, Gurganious, Pargo). Tech. Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Belser	37	4-9	0-2	1-3	2	1	9
White	15	2-3	0-0	2-5	1	3	4
N.Lewis	34	5-8	4-6	2-7	3	3	18
DeRogatis	35	4-12	0-0	1-5	1	2	11
Murdock	15	1-5	0-0	2-3	2	2	2
Johnson	23	1-6	1-1	0-2	3	0	3
Brown	10	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	0	6
Pomare	10	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Cohen	21	5-7	0-0	1-3	3	4	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-56</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>

Pts: FG .429, FT .556. 3-Point Goals: 10-22, .455 (N.Lewis 4-4, DeRogatis 3-9, Brown 2-4, Belser 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Murdock 0-1). Team Rebs: 2. Blocks: 10 (Murdock 3, DeRogatis 2, White 2, Belser, N.Lewis, Cohen). Turnovers: 17 (N.Lewis 3, DeRogatis 3, White 3, Johnson 3, Belser, Cohen, Murdock, Pomare, Brown). Steals: 8 (Belser 2, Cohen 2, DeRogatis, Johnson, Murdock, White). Tech. Fouls: None.

Gonzaga	31	33	64
USD	26	37	63

A-5,100. Officials—Bob Sitov, Randy Burkhart, Scott Harris.

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HELDING 'EM

# Refs swallow their whistles at wrong time for Toreros

SAN DIEGO — They came to see the best defender in the nation play college basketball's leading scorer, Gonzaga's Adam Morrison, but not where it really counted. Morrison scored 16 points and collected seven rebounds in the second half to lead the Zags.

And when it was over, the University of San Diego's Corey Belser got the best of Morrison, but not where it really counted.

Gonzaga won 64-63 by stopping the Toreros from scoring twice on the last possession of the game as a sellout crowd of 5,132 at Jenny Craig Pavilion looked on in anguish.

The last 9.3 seconds of this game turned out to be an agonizing time for coach Brad Holland's Toreros.

USD freshman Brandon Johnson drove the lane and looked like he was going to make a layup.

Thwack! Johnson was hit on the arm as the ball bounced off the rim to teammate Ross DeRogatis.

DeRogatis put up another shot at the buzzer.

Thwack! He was also hit.

In both cases, the three referees on hand swallowed their whistles, denying USD one of the great wins in school history.

This is not some USD alum wearing his heart on his lap-top. I was sitting at the end of the court and the two fouls, er, non-calls, happened almost in front of me.

I guess the good teams, and Gonzaga is ranked sixth in the nation, have to be lucky and good.

"I can't comment on the officials," Holland said. "All I'm going to say is Ross DeRogatis was fouled at the very end. Period. Hammered. Foul."

It is too bad this entertaining game had to be decided this way. Many in the crowd booed at the end as Gonzaga rejoiced.

It was not the play of Morrison, but the play of 6-foot-9, 269-pound Brazilian J.P. Batista in the second half that proved to be the difference.



STEVE SCHOLFIELD

Morrison, who came into the game as the nation's top scorer with 28.2 points per game, was limited to just 16 points.

The credit here goes to the 6-foot-6 Belser, who was like flypaper on the 6-foot-8, 205-pound Morrison.

Wherever Morrison went, Belser was right with him.

They were practically dancing partners.

And, yes, they are rivals.

"I felt like he was throwing cheap shots and he tried to entice me to throw some cheap shots," Belser said. "I wasn't trying to get into his head. I was trying to play solid defense."

Morrison got so annoyed with the tight coverage that he threw an elbow just before halftime that knocked Belser down.

"I was frustrated a little," said Morrison, who was not quick to praise Belser.

"He's one of the best defenders, but you have to give his teammates credit, too," Morrison said. "They were in a triangle-and-two defense, so it just wasn't him. ... All Belser wanted to do is stop Morrison, stop Morrison, while we were trying to win the game."

Ah, USD was trying to win the game as well. The Toreros' best way to do that was matching their strength, Belser's defense against Morrison's offense.

"I knew going in that he was going to try and bait me, falling down and doing other stuff," Morrison said of Belser. "He did a good job, and I respect him as a player,



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Erroll Knight of Gonzaga is surrounded by, from left, Gyno Pomare, Nir Cohen and Brandon Johnson of USD.

but like I said, I'm 4-0 playing against him."

Had the officials made the right call, Morrison would be 3-1 against Belser.

"I felt like we had it,"

Belser said.

But a missed defensive rebound by USD allowed Gonzaga's Erroll Knight to hit a 3-point shot with 9.3 seconds left.

"I feel terrible for the team to play that well for that long the entire game," Holland said.

USD may have lost the game in the first half when Belser and Nick Lewis, men who hit more than 79 percent of their free throws, combined to miss four attempts. And two of the attempts were bonus throws.

Such small margins of error can mean the difference in a tight game.

That and three officials who didn't have the stomach to call a foul at the end of the game proved to be USD's undoing.

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**MEN'S ROUNDUP**

# Knight's Late Basket Saves No. 6 Gonzaga

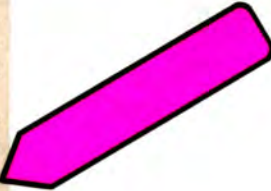
*From the Associated Press*

As soon as the final buzzer sounded and Gonzaga had avoided an upset, the Bulldogs raced to mob Erroll Knight near midcourt at San Diego.

Knight got a rare chance to be the star, making a three-point basket with eight seconds left to give the No. 6 Bulldogs a 64-63 victory over San Diego on Saturday.

It was a well-deserved celebration for the senior guard, who sat out the season's first eight games after having two arthroscopic surgeries on his left knee in a span of 20 days.

Gonzaga (15-3, 5-0 West Coast Conference) had trouble scoring late. Knight had a putback with 3:34 left, then the Bulldogs didn't make another basket until his winning shot. Nick Lewis scored 18 points for the Toreros (11-6, 1-3).





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Gonzaga's Erroll Knight, center, is mobbed by his teammates after the Bulldogs defeated USD.

# Toreros' upset bid falls short at buzzer

TOM SHANAHAN  
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — A day of upsets in men's college basketball began building early Saturday when No. 1 Duke, No. 9 Pittsburgh and No. 15 Wisconsin all lost.

Second-ranked Florida would later join the list of upset victims, but No. 6 Gonzaga escaped with a 64-63 victory against the University of San Diego before a sellout crowd of 5,132 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

A buzz hummed throughout the arena in the back-and-forth game, but a heartbreaking hush fell after USD junior

guard Ross DeRogatis' 10-foot shot at the buzzer missed its mark.

"Our kids played a whale of a game against the No. 6 team in the nation, and I told them that," Toreros coach Brad Holland said. "But to close out a team like that you've got to finish every play, and we didn't finish on that rebound. It came too far out and to their advantage. It's the bounce of the ball sometimes."

The rebound Holland referred to came with 13 seconds left. Gonzaga guard Derek Raivio missed a 3-point attempt, but the ball bounced long to guard Pierre Marie Altidor-Cespedes. The Toreros'

Instead, the Toreros (11-6, 1-3 West Coast Conference) quickly inbounded the ball. Holland had earlier instructed his players he didn't want a timeout that would allow Gonzaga (15-3, 5-0) to set up its defense.

USD's Brandon Johnson, a freshman point guard whose steal set up Nir Cohen's basket for a 63-61 lead with 28 seconds to play, penetrated and put up a shot that missed. DeRogatis came up with a loose ball and shot with a body on him, sprawling to the floor.

"Ross got fouled, I promise you that," Holland said. "Oh, he got fouled, and it wasn't called."

The Toreros held Gonzaga to its lowest point total in five WCC games and well below its season average of 80.9 points. Gonzaga's Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer at 28.2 points a game, scored only 16 points. He was matched by J.P. Batista, who added 10 rebounds.

USD senior forward Corey Belser (nine points)

limited Morrison to 5-of-11 shooting — he averages 18 shots a game — and the junior forward appeared frustrated at times as he was called for three offensive fouls.

Toreros senior forward Nick Lewis led all scorers with 18 points, including 4-of-4 from 3-point range, all in the second half when the Toreros outscored Gonzaga 37-33. DeRogatis added 11 points and Cohen 10.

"I didn't expect anything but that from San Diego," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said of USD's performance. "Coming down here I felt they are the team we need to beat to win this league. I still feel that way."

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defense converged on Altidor-Cespedes, but he dumped off a pass to Erroll Knight in the right corner.

Knight, a backup forward noted for his defense, hit his first 3-point attempt of the season for a one-point lead with 9.3 seconds to play.

"If we come up with the board, it's game over," Holland said.

# He puts zig in Zags

## Hot-shooting Morrison may be nation's best

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

The sparse mustache has been described in print as "70s porn star" and "adolescent." It has triggered taunting chants to shave it and prompted opponents' pep



### No. 6 Gonzaga at USD

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The man behind the mustache is a 2006 college basketball star with 3 p.m. today  
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pared with those of Larry Bird, Alex English and even Pete Maravich.

The man behind the mustache is a junior with the intellectual curiosity and appetites colleges encourage undergrads to develop, with the confidence to express his opinions.

He's a 21-year-old who leads the nation in scoring at 28.3 points per game and is considered by many to be the best player in the country. And he's a Halo 2 video game player who outshines a long-distance

SEE **Gonzaga, D6**

### The contenders

Gonzaga's Adam Morrison is being mentioned as a candidate for College Player of the Year. The strongest candidates (with season averages):

**ADAM MORRISON, GONZAGA**  
Pts: 28.3 Reb: 6.0 Ast: 1.9

**J.J. REDICK, DUKE**  
Pts: 26.5 Reb: 1.7 Ast: 2.5

**RUDY GAY, CONNECTICUT**  
Pts: 15.2 Reb: 6.2 Ast: 2.6

**LAMARCUS ALDRIDGE, TEXAS**  
Pts: 17.4 Reb: 9.8 Ast: 0.5

**RANDY FOYE, VILLANOVA**  
Pts: 20.5 Reb: 5.4 Ast: 3.3



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### Home-grown Morrison nation's leading scorer

playing partner who may be his chief rival for NCAA Player of the Year honors.

So what does Gonzaga sensation Adam Morrison care what *anybody* says about the first-ever crop of facial hair that has become both a trademark and target?

"I think it's kind of funny," Morrison said of the mustache fuss. "Whatever they want to do, that's cool. . . . It all just adds fuel to the fire."

Morrison leads the sixth-ranked Zags (14-3, 4-0 West Coast Conference) into the Jenny Craig Pavilion this afternoon to take on USD. And if the sellout crowd doesn't leave feeling that Morrison alone was worth the price of admission, it'll be the first such group this season.

Those in attendance at the Maui Invitational in November certainly felt that way after watching Morrison plant 43 points on Michigan State in a triple-overtime victory. So did the Seattle gathering last month that witnessed Morrison scoring 25 against Oklahoma State, including an otherworldly, heavily defended, banked-in three-pointer at the buzzer that pulled out a 64-62 victory.

They feel that way about every game in Spokane, where the 6-foot-8, 205-pound Morrison has been the key to the Bulldogs extending a home-court winning streak to 31 games, tied for the longest in the nation.

"He's one of the best players we'll have played against in some time," USD coach Brad Holland said. "I thought he was very good last year, and like the great ones do, he has improved. He's got the ultimate green light (to shoot) and he has the skills to back it up."

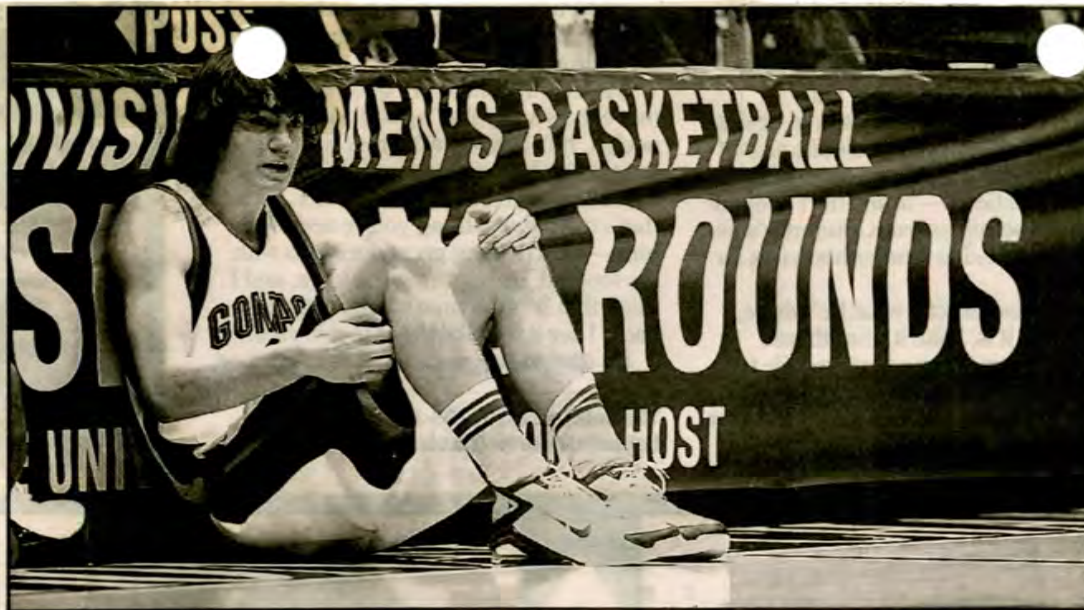
Morrison is a supreme talent who stayed home to rain benefits on the local program. Like Magic Johnson to Michigan State, Bill Russell to San Francisco or Elgin Baylor to Seattle.

There may have been other options, but they weren't pursued.

"I was always a Zags fan, was a ball boy as a kid, and saw the program on the rise," Morrison said. "I committed early and once I did, I didn't have anybody (else) knocking on my door."

Morrison was a sophomore at Mead High and just starting an assault on Greater Spokane League scoring records when Gonzaga coach Mark Few first saw him play.

"He was a different-looking kid, but one that could score," Few said. "The most prolific in the



Adam Morrison became a starter for Gonzaga as a sophomore last year, and by the end of the season he was the Zags' money player, averaging 19 points per game. *Stephen Dunn / Getty Images*

history of the Greater Spokane League. . . . He's always been able to score, probably since the moment he came out of the womb."

Morrison started only one game as a freshman at Gonzaga but averaged 11.4 points off the bench. He became a starter as a sophomore, and by the end of the season he was the Zags' go-to player while averaging 19 points.

"Since he has been here, he has gotten bigger and stronger and improved all aspects of his game," Few said. "The really big jump was from last year to this. He has bought into the things the staff has been working on with him and you see the results."

"And he still has room to improve, which we hope to get out of him these next two months."

The personality that goes with the game has made Morrison the "it" man of college basketball and made weekly teleconferences necessary to accommodate media requests.

The stories are told of:

- How Morrison's favorite books tend toward biographies or treatises by revolutionaries and radicals, including "The Communist Manifesto," by Karl Marx, a poster of whom adorns Morrison's bedroom.

- How Morrison enjoys a good debate on philosophy and politics but how his true feelings may have been revealed when he ran past Few during an unproductive stretch in one game and apologized for "playing like a Communist."

- How after Few, the son of a preacher, en-

couraged his players to attend church, Morrison wrote on a grease board: "Religion is the opiate of the masses." More or less to get a reaction from his coach.

- How Morrison and Duke's J.J. Redick, the player right behind Morrison on the scoring lists and a friend for more than a year, hook up over the Internet to play Halo 2 on Xbox and do virtual-reality blasting of aliens to smithereens.

"We haven't played it much lately," Morrison said. "It's fair to say I'm a better video game player than he is, but that and basketball is all I do. He might have a much better social life than I do."

The buzz that Morrison has created this season has eclipsed an incredible element of his story, chronicled in his freshman season.

Morrison is one of about a million Americans with Type 1 diabetes, diagnosed in 1999. When not playing, he wears an insulin pump attached to a small wire in his abdomen. When in uniform, he tests his glucose level during breaks in practices or timeouts in games. If it's too low he consumes fruit juice, an energy bar or glucose tablets to compensate. Too high, he gives himself an insulin shot.

"A lot of it depends on how badly my body reacts to the food I ate the day before," Morrison said. "Or the pace of the game."

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**TOREROS**  
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**TODAY:** vs. No. 6 Gonzaga

- **WHAT:** Men's college basketball
- **TIPOFF:** 3 p.m. at Jenny Craig Pavilion
- **RECORD:** Gonzaga 14-3, 4-0 West Coast Conference; University of San Diego 11-5, 1-2
- **TV/RADIO:** Channel 4/KASH (1700 AM)
- **UPDATE:** Gonzaga visits USD having appeared in the last seven NCAA tournaments. Bring the No. 6 team in the country to town in any other situation and the perception would be Toreros have no chance for an upset. But conference play is different. Gonzaga has been upset in WCC play, although not often. The Bulldogs are 91-11 in WCC regular-season games and 108-12 including WCC tournament play since starting their streak of NCAA trips in the 1998-99 season. Only USD, Pepperdine and Santa Clara have managed to beat the Bulldogs more than once in that span. USD has two wins in 14 regular-season games but three wins in 19 games when including WCC tournament play. In 2003, USD beat Gonzaga in the WCC tournament championship game to secure an NCAA tournament berth. ... The Toreros were guilty of 20 turnovers in their WCC-opening losses at Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine, and a repeat performance will result in a Gonzaga romp. ... Gonzaga is led by junior F **Adam Morrison**, who leads the nation in scoring at 28.2 points a game. ... USD needs the inside-outside game that resulted in 48 points in the second half of the Santa Clara win, with senior F **Nick Lewis** scoring 22 points and junior G **Ross DeRogatis** hitting four 3-pointers for 18 points.

— Tom Shanahan

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## **Toreros' DeRogatis back from funeral**

When USD junior guard Ross DeRogatis takes the court against Gonzaga this afternoon, it will be at the end of a 48-hour cross-country journey to attend his grandfather's funeral.

DeRogatis' grandfather Armando DeRogatis died Sunday in New Paltz, N.Y. DeRogatis kept the news to himself and played Monday night against Santa Clara, scoring all of his 18 points in the second half to spark a rally that produced a 75-69 USD victory.

Informing the USD staff Tuesday, DeRogatis practiced Wednesday and Thursday before catching a flight to be a pallbearer at the funeral yesterday. He returned on a flight last night.

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**Men: No. 6 Gonzaga at USD**

**When:** Today, 3 p.m.

**Where:** Jenny Craig Pavilion

**TV/Radio:** 4 San Diego; 1700 AM

**Web site:** [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Records:** Gonzaga 14-3, 4-0 WCC; USD 11-5, 1-2

**Series:** Gonzaga, 44-20

**Outlook:** Gonzaga secured sole possession of the league lead with a 92-80 home win over Loyola Marymount on Monday while USD prevailed in its home conference opener, 75-69 over Santa Clara. Gonzaga features Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer (28.3); inside force J.P. Batista (19.4 ppg, 8.4 rpg), the reigning WCC Player of the Week; and deft point guard Derek Raivio (15.3 ppg, 2.5 apg). The game has been sold out for more than a week. Nick Lewis (19.6 ppg) and Corey Belser (13.7) lead USD.

- HANK WESCH



PHOTO COURTESY BROCK SCOTT

Corey Belser and USD will attempt to slow down No. 6 Gonzaga today.

# Belser exhibits NBA-inspired 'D'

■ USD's defensive stopper patterns his play after Spurs' Bruce Bowen

TOM SHANAHAN  
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — One of the NBA's premier defensive players is Bruce Bowen, a 6-foot-7, 200-pound forward for the NBA-champion San Antonio Spurs. The four-time All-NBA Defensive Team choice isn't an imposing physical presence, but he's a defensive stopper who hits 3-point field goals.

Sound familiar? It should for those who follow University of San Diego men's basketball.

Toreros senior forward Corey Belser is "one of the five best defensive players in the nation and has NBA shooting range," says USD coach Brad Holland, who was Bowen's head coach at Cal State Fullerton in the early 1990s.

It's no coincidence that the 6-foot-6, 218-pound Belser's favorite NBA player is Bowen.

"I love the story of Bruce Bowen coming out of Cal State Fullerton, not getting drafted and making it in the NBA," Belser said. "He's one of those guys who takes pride in his defense and doesn't like to be scored upon."

The Bowen-Belser comparison is fitting subject matter since Belser faces an NBA-like challenge when the Toreros (11-5, 1-2 West Coast Conference) play sixth-ranked Gonzaga (14-3, 4-0) at 3 p.m. today at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Belser will attempt to slow Gonzaga's Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer at 28.2 points per game. The 6-8, 205-pound junior is a John Wooden Award candidate and is projected to be an NBA draft lottery pick if he leaves school after this season.

Morrison has stepped up his game this year, but last year Belser held Morrison to six and nine points in the regular season before Morrison scored 25 in a WCC tournament game. Gonzaga easily won all three games.

"I think Adam Morrison is a unique player," Belser said. "I can't compare him to anybody in the college game; he gets compared to (NBA legend) Larry Bird. I haven't come across anybody like him."

Belser has been recognized as a

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defensive stopper in the WCC since his sophomore year, when the Toreros knocked off Gonzaga in the 2003 WCC tournament final to earn an NCAA tournament berth. Belser limited Gonzaga's Blake Stepp, the WCC Player of the Year, to 10 points in that game.

Belser is versatile enough to defend forwards and guards and has consistently shut down the opponent's leading scorer this year. Against Loyola of Chicago, Blake Schilb came into the game averaging 17.8 points and went home with three points, including no field goals.

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"It's something you can't teach," Holland said. "It's something instinctive in him just like a good rebounder or a good shot blocker. It was one of the things I loved about him in the recruiting process. He took tremendous pride in his defense, and you don't see that in most high school players."

Belser, from Spanaway, Wash., says his defensive work ethic stems from backyard games against his father, Aaron, and older brother, Chris, who went on to play wide receiver at the University of Idaho. He also cited pickup games at nearby Fort Lewis in Tacoma.

"Those military guys foul you hard and take no prisoners," Belser said. "They don't care if you're just a high school kid."

USD has asked more of Belser offensively this year, and he has responded by averaging 13.7 points and 7.4 rebounds a game.

"Corey Belser is the quiet assassin," says Loyola Marymount coach Rodney Tention. "He's strong with the ball and he never forces anything. He's not just one of the best defensive player in the West Coast Conference, he's one of the best defensive players in the West."

The basketball lineage of Bowen and Belser can be traced through Holland and former Los Angeles Lakers defensive stopper Michael Cooper, whom Holland played with on the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Corey is a better defender at this stage than Bruce was, but it's all about finding your

niche in the NBA," Holland said. "The Spurs fell in love with Bruce because of his commitment to defense. Bruce grew up watching Michael Cooper play for the Lakers, and he used to pick my brain about what kind of player Cooper was."

Cooper is the guy the Lakers assigned to Boston's Larry Bird in a Celtics-Lakers matchup that was a game within the game. In the Morrison versus Belser game within the game, Belser draws upon a little of Bruce Bowen and Michael Cooper.

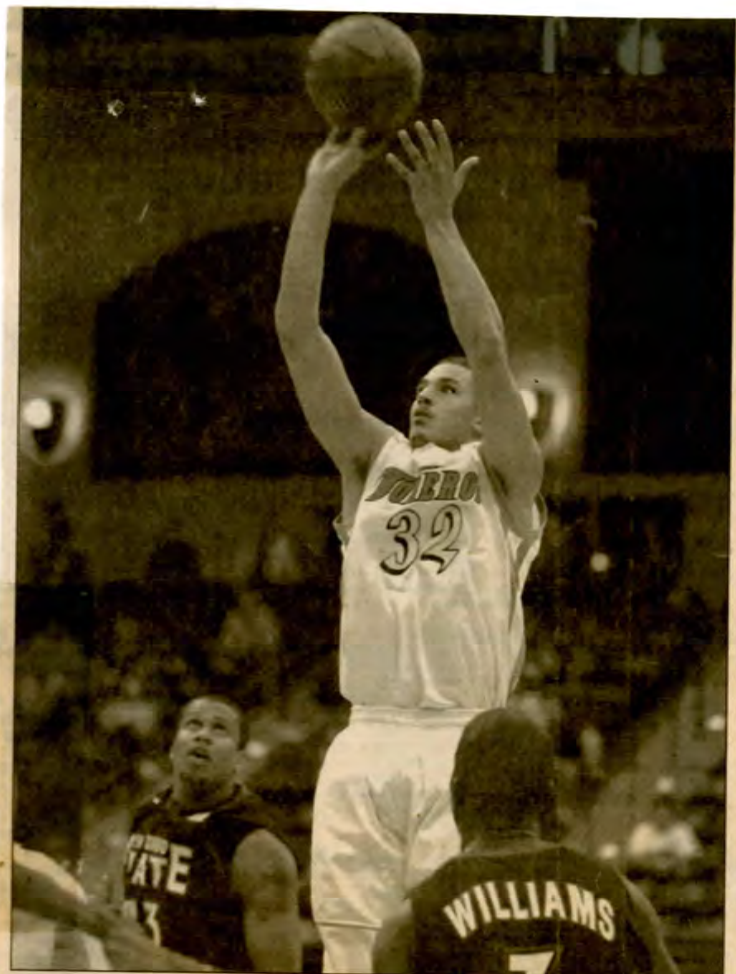


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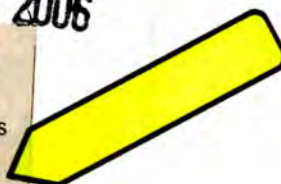
Corey Belser has 'NBA shooting range,' says USD coach Brad Holland.

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# Toreros' Belser getting

By Hank Wesch, STAFF WRITER

Corey Belser's defensive skills have been, if not under-recognized, at least under-honored in the West Coast Conference, where he's been passed over for the league's Defensive Player of the Year award twice in the last three years.



Corey Belser

He was first overlooked as a sophomore in 2003, a season capped by his holding WCC Player of the Year Blake Stepp of Gonzaga to 10 points in a WCC Tournament first-round game won by USD.

after an injury redshirt season in 2004, last year when the league's coaches voted for Gonzaga's Errol Knight, the defensive specialist on the league's best team.

"In some aspects, I took it personally because I felt like I was the best defensive player in the conference last year," Belser said. "But Errol Knight is on a winning program and he's a good defensive player.

"I guess I was used to it. It hurt me more my sophomore year because it went to a guy (Anthony Woodards of Saint Mary's) who wasn't on a very

good team and was their sixth man."

The slights are things of the past. Belser's senior season has Toreros coaches and players thinking well beyond the WCC.

"He was midmajor Defensive Player of the Year (by collegeinsider.com) last year, and I believe he definitely needs to be considered if not the top, one of the top defenders in the nation," USD head coach Brad Holland said recently. "He's proved it time and time again."

An unprecedented opportunity for Belser to showcase his skills to the league will come on Saturday afternoon when Gonzaga comes to town. Belser will have the primary assignment on Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer with a 28-point average and a candidate for national Player of the Year honors.

The two natives of Washington — Belser is from Spanaway, Morrison from Spokane — squared off three times last season, and both are looking forward to the fourth meeting.

"He is one of the top two defenders in the league, right with Errol Knight," Morrison said last week when Belser's name was mentioned on a teleconference. "He's long (6-foot-6) and quick and he's a tough competitor.

"He does a good job of beating me to spots and baiting me into doing things he wants me to do. I took the bait last year more than I should."

In the first two matchups, last Jan. 22 at the JCP and Feb. 17 at Spokane, Morrison totaled just 15 points on 7-for-18 field goal shooting. It was a different story in the WCC Tournament semifinal March 6 at Santa Clara, however, when Morrison went off for 25 points and eight assists in a 90-74 Zags victory.

"He did a good job of shutting me down, but first and foremost I want to win the game," Morrison said. "We won three times."

Belser has to concede that point. Even with the best of one-on-one matchups, basketball remains a five-person game.

"I know I'm going to be judged by how I defend Adam Morrison," Belser said. "He's a great player and he's going to get his points. It's a matter of how much I can limit him.

"But more than anything, it's how well we play defense as a team. If we don't play good team defense, then I'm kind of left out there on an island."

From experience, Belser has a good read on what makes Morrison go.

"He's got a lot of heart, that's for sure," Belser said. "He's very

## downright defensive



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competitive, and he's been given the green light so he gets a lot of opportunities to score. He's fundamentally sound, deceptive with his back cuts and his height (6-8) is always going to come into play.

"There are a lot of times you can defend him well, have a hand up and he can just go up and over and shoot."

The sparring between the two will be both physical and verbal.

"He's very vocal and scrappy," Belser said. "At one point last year he said, 'I'm a crazy (person) and I can't be stopped.'"

"I don't let every comment go. I've got to say some stuff back to him. But for the most part, I'm going to keep it civil."

A major factor in 11-5 USD's success this season has been increased offensive output from Belser, who averaged 3.9 points per game his first three seasons and has scored at nearly a 14-per-game clip this year.

But his defensive talents were especially well-displayed in a three-game stretch over 10 days in mid-December.

He held Fresno State's Ja'Vance Coleman (six points) and Texas-Arlington's Steven Thomas (seven points) to less than half their averages, then put Loyola of Chicago's

## Round Four

The stat lines of the three matchups last season between USD's Corey Belser and Gonzaga's Adam Morrison. They meet again Saturday at the Jenny Craig Pavilion:

Jan. 22 (in San Diego)						
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	R	A	F	Pts
Morrison	3-8	0-0	4	0	4	6
Belser	2-3	1-4	6	1	3	5
Feb. 17 (in Spokane)						
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	R	A	F	Pts
Morrison	4-11	1-2	3	0	3	9
Belser	3-6	0-0	4	1	3	7
March 6 (WCC Tournament in Santa Clara)						
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	R	A	F	Pts
Morrison	10-17	3-4	5	8	1	25
Belser	2-5	2-2	4	1	4	6

Blake Schilb, who entered averaging 17.8 points, into lockdown mode.

Schilb went 0-for-6 from the field and scored three points.

"Everybody said that No. 5 (Schilb) is very good, he's going to The League (NBA)," Toreros senior forward/center Nick Lewis said after the game. "If he's going to The League, then Corey is going to The League as a defender."

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USD's Brandon Johnson attempts to dribble past Santa Clara's Brody Angley in the first half of the Toreros' West Coast Conference victory at Jenny Craig Pavilion.  
*Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*



# Cohen awakens Toreros in comeback

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

USD's home opener in the West Coast Conference was half bad. But it was also half good.

And an inspired second half was enough to overcome an uninspired first as the Toreros rallied to defeat Santa Clara 75-69 before 2,624 last night at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

In what coach Brad Holland called "the biggest game of the year," USD (11-5, 1-2 WCC) found its shooting touch in the

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**Santa Clara**  
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final 20 minutes and outscored the Broncos (8-7, 1-2) 48-35 to breathe life into a league season that started with two losses in Los Angeles a week earlier.

Nick Lewis had 22 points, Ross DeRogatis 18 and reserve forward Nir Cohen tied a career high with 12 for the Toreros.

"The play of Nir Cohen was the difference in the game," Holland said. "His defense, in combination with Theo White,

on (SCU's) Travis Niesen was spectacular. And Nir did some nice things offensively too."

Considering their WCC situation the Toreros' play was inexplicably flat and their shooting poor to boot as Santa Clara claimed a 23-9 lead in the first 12 minutes. Then USD was given some spark by the three-point shooting of — of all people — Cohen, and rallied to cut the deficit to 27-25 before Santa Clara steadied to take a 34-27 lead at the break.

The 6-foot-7, 245-pound Cohen, a native of Israel who

transferred from Monroe JC in Rochester, N.Y., had attempted only three three-point shots in the first 15 games, making one. He went 2-for-2 from behind the arc in the first half, his first ending an 0-for-7 Toreros three-point shutout to that point.

"Their guy pulled back on the defense and the shots were there," Cohen said. "Those are the kind of shots I need to knock down."

Cohen did what DeRogatis and Corey Belser, the Toreros'

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**USD turns it on in second half to pull out win**

established perimeter marksmen, couldn't before the break. DeRogatis was 0-for-2 from behind the arc, Belser 0-for-4 as USD shot 23.1 percent from long range and 33.3 percent overall in the half.

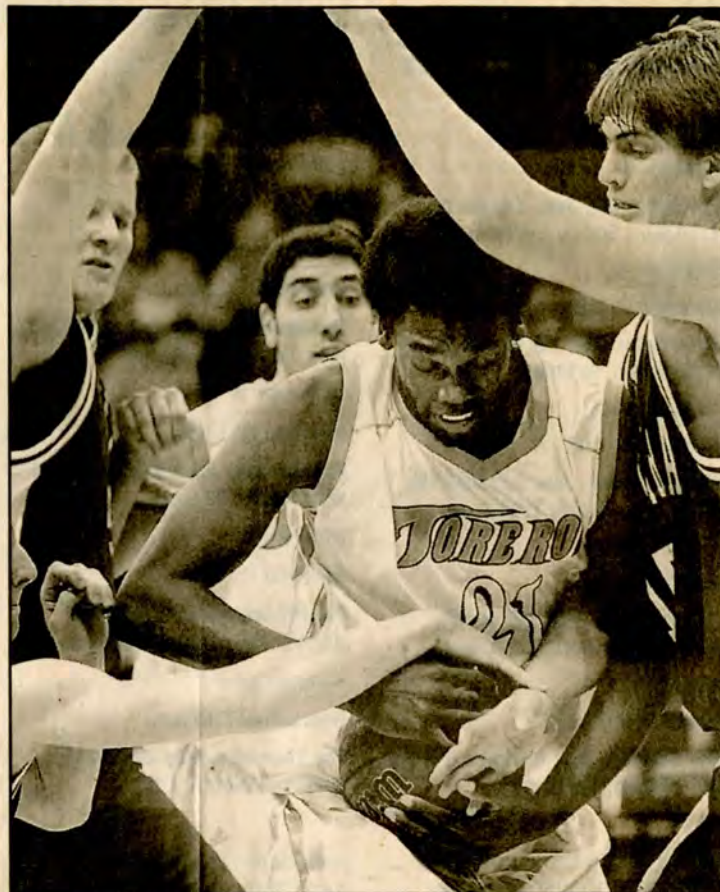
In the second half, DeRogatis was 4-for-7, Belser 1-for-2 and USD 6-for-12 on three-pointers while the team shot 51.7 percent overall.

DeRogatis and Belser joined Ray Murdock (1-for-1 second half) in raining four straight three-pointers down on Santa Clara to turn a one-point deficit into an eight-point lead 6:19 into the second half.

It was a lead the Toreros would never relinquish.

"They came out with a lot more heart and passion than we did to start the second half," Santa Clara coach Dick Davey said. "They shot the ball better and played harder than we did."

DeRogatis, who stung Santa Clara for a career-high 28 points on 8-for-10 three-point shooting when the teams met here last year, had been in something of a slump of late, including missing an open shot at the buzzer that could have pulled out a victory at



**Gyno Pomare tries to hold on to the ball as he bursts through a swarm of Broncos defenders.** *Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*

Pepperdine one week earlier.

He was on the mark with his first try of the second half, and things started to go USD's way from that point onward.

"I tried to keep my confidence up, I don't think I was pressing," DeRogatis said. "We weren't playing that hard on

defense and our shots weren't falling in the first half, but we got tougher on defense and the shots started to fall."

"We really played well the second half, and the win makes the (Gonzaga) game that much bigger," Holland said of Saturday's sold-out game at the JCP.

"We're excited to play them and we know it's going to be a great atmosphere."

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**SUMMARY**

**USD 75, Santa Clara 69**

SANTA CLARA	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Henke	21	0-2	202	4	0	5	2
Nielsen	32	4-8	3-4	5	0	2	11
Bryant	17	3-4	0-0	4	0	4	6
Angley	36	3-10	0-0	4	5	3	6
C.Johnson	27	1-9	2-2	2	0	2	5
Rohe	26	3-9	5-6	2	3	5	12
Mbanugo	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Kaempf	17	4-5	1-3	3	2	0	13
Denison	20	6-10	2-2	5	1	4	14
Daniel	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-57</b>	<b>15-19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>69</b>

Percentages: FG .421, FT .789. 3-Point Goals: 6-25, 240 (Kaempf 4-5, Johnson 1-6, Rohe 1-6, Nielsen 0-2, Angley 0-6). Team Rebounds: 7. Blocked Shots: 2 (Bryant, Mbanugo). Turnovers: 20 (Angley 5). Steals: 6 (Angley 2, Johnson 2). Technical Fouls: Bryant, Nielsen.

Santa Clara (8-7, 1-2) 34 35 - 69  
USD (11-5, 1-2) 27 48 - 75

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Belser	33	2-10	3-4	6	1	3	8
White	14	1-2	0-0	7	0	2	2
Lewis	30	8-16	5-7	4	1	1	22
DeRogatis	34	5-12	4-4	5	4	3	18
Murdock	25	3-5	0-0	0	2	1	7
B.Johnson	24	1-4	1-2	1	5	1	3
Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Pomare	13	1-2	1-2	4	0	3	3
Cohen	23	3-5	4-5	2	0	2	12
Smith	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-56</b>	<b>18-24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>75</b>

Percentages: FG .429, FT .50. 3-Point Goals: 9-25, 360 (DeRogatis 4-9, Cohen 1-3, Murdock 1-2, Lewis 1-4, Belser 1-6, Johnson 0). Team Rebounds: 3. Blocked Shots: 4 (Pomare 2). Turnovers: 14 (White 3, DeRogatis 3, Murdock 3, Pomare 3). Steals: 5 (Belser 2). Technical Fouls: DeRogatis.

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# Toreros rediscover a shooter

■ DeRogatis regains touch for USD in win over Broncos

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FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — University of San Diego guard Ross DeRogatis found his missing 3-point shot, and when the Toreros add a third long-range option to go with the inside-outside play of senior forwards Nick Lewis and Corey Belser, they score points in bunches.

That's how USD got off to a 10-3 start in non-conference play, and that's how the Toreros rallied with 48 second-half points Monday night for a 75-69 victory over Santa Clara before 2,624 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Toreros (11-5, 1-2) shook off their 0-2 start in West Coast Conference play as DeRogatis finished with 18 points and Lewis scored a game-high 22.

"Now that conference has started, (teams) get up on me better," said DeRogatis, a 6-foot-1 junior. "I need to work better without the ball to free up and get some space."

Next up for USD is Gonzaga, the nation's sixth-ranked team and the benchmark for WCC excellence as a perennial NCAA participant. The home game is a sellout.

"We're excited to play them, and it's going to be a great atmosphere," USD coach Brad Holland said. "But Saturday's game doesn't mean anything if we lost this game."

The Toreros shot only 33.3 percent in the first half, including 3-of 13 (23.1 percent) from 3-point range, to trail 34-27 at halftime. But DeRogatis hit three 3-pointers in the first six minutes of the second half as the Toreros' 19-4 run staked them to a 46-38 lead.

"They came out and played with a lot more heart and passion than we did in the second half," said Santa Clara coach Dick Davey, whose team dropped to 8-7 and 1-2. "They got going offensively because they played good defense."

Holland also reminded his team at halftime it needed to do a better job offensively inside.

"We wanted to get closer to the basket, which we did,

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and then Ross started getting hot," Holland said. "We were more balanced. The first half we relied too much on the jumper. In the second half, we got some baskets inside and we went to the foul line. We're a better team when we go inside-out."

Another key was the combined inside play of junior-college transfers Theo White

and Nir Cohen.

Cohen, a 6-foot-7, 245-pounder, tied his career high with 12 points. White (6-4, 240) had seven rebounds in 14 minutes. White, starting in place of El Camino High product Gyno Pomare, and Cohen combined to limit Santa Clara's Travis Niesen to 11 points, nine under his average of 20.3.

"Theo had a great week of practice, and I thought he deserved a start," Holland said.

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# USD's Gyno Pomare product of good genes

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

Leo and Gail Pomare played basketball on their Marine Corps team and I was just on the basketball team wherever we were stationed," Leo says.

So, in the spring of 1986 when a son, Gyno, was born into the Oceanside family, it wasn't so much an issue of parental hopes



Gyno Pomare

was my specialty, and Gail was a rebounder."

Nearly 20 years later, the Pomares are still "right in Ocean-

and dreams as parental certainty.

"We already knew he was going to be a good basketball player," Leo says with a laugh.

"Blocking shots

## Santa Clara at USD men

When: 7 tonight

TV: 4 San Diego Radio: 1700-AM

side, same house, same phone number and everything," Gyno says. And the pedigree is showing on Gyno, a 6-foot-7, 220-pound red-shirt freshman front-line starter at USD.

Gyno (pronounced GEE-no) leads USD and is fifth in the West

Coast Conference with 18 blocks, an average of 1.2 per game. He's third on the team and 13th in the conference in rebounding with an average of 5.8.

So don't ask: Who knew? Leo (6-foot-3) and Gail (5-10) Pomare can say they did.

Gyno remembers being taken to courts — sometimes the ones at his future alma mater, El Camino High — starting when he was

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**Redshirt freshman on the rise at USD**

barely more than a toddler. About age 6 is Leo's estimate.

From playground leagues on up, Gyno was always among the taller players and had skills to go with the height. He was a first-team All-State selection as El Camino went 31-3 in his junior year and a second-team choice in his senior year after averaging 19 points and 14 rebounds.

His decision on college was between USD and WCC rival Portland.

"It came down to I wanted to stay close to home," Pomare says. "I liked the coaches and the players and wanted to stay in San Diego. Portland was OK, but thinking about it raining 300 days a year there, I didn't know how I was going to handle that."

His first season at USD was spent as a redshirt, practicing against senior center Bryce Vounang and traveling with the team but never seeing action.

"I didn't know (about redshirting) coming in, but I kind of figured it out when (junior transfer) Mike Shepard was getting more reps than me in practice," Pomare says.

"Then the time came when Coach (Brad Holland) took me in his office and made the suggestion. It was my decision and I'm glad I made it, because it really helped me out.

"I'm not going to lie about it, I didn't really like it at the beginning, but I talked it over with my parents and they were in favor of it."

Says Leo Pomare: "We have always said education comes first, and we knew that first year is important. He could use the year to get stronger and get established academically. We loved the idea."

During the redshirt year, Pomare did get stronger, a help in many areas but, he says, especially on offense.

"Last year in practice, going against Bryce, it was really difficult for me to play on the offensive end," Pomare says. "Working with weights and game-day workouts with Coach Nick (Toreros assistant Nick Earnest) have helped me be a better jumper and dunker and scorer."

Pomare comes into USD's game against Santa Clara tonight at the

**Men: Santa Clara at USD**

**When:** Tonight, 7

**Where:** Jenny Craig Pavilion

**TV/Radio:** 4 San Diego / 1700 AM

**Web site:** www.usdtoreros.com

**Records:** Santa Clara 8-6, 1-1 WCC; USD 10-5, 0-2

**Series:** Santa Clara, 31-23

**Outlook:** Santa Clara opened WCC play with a split at home against Portland and Gonzaga while USD dropped road games against Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine. Santa Clara forward Travis Niesen is the WCC's No. 2 scorer (20.3 ppg), and guard Brody Angley has averaged 14 points, six assists and three steals in the last three games. USD's Nick Lewis is the WCC's No. 3 scorer at 19.5 ppg. Corey Belser ranks ninth at 14.1. His six double-doubles tie for the conference lead.

- HANK WESCH

Jenny Craig Pavilion averaging 10.9 points, fourth-best on the team, and shooting a WCC-leading 63.5 percent from the field.

"Gyno has exceeded expectations," Holland says. "We felt he'd definitely be in the mix this year and get minutes (of playing time). But he improved his play so much in the past year that he won a starting spot and statistically, he's one of our most productive players."

"He plays taller than he is. He's 6-7, but he plays 6-10. He has a good feel for shot blocking, which you can't teach, and he has poise and patience around the basket that are unusual for a young big man."

Having a homegrown talent for the next three years is a prospect Holland relishes.

"A local player has higher expectations and brings a following," Holland says. "There might be a little more pressure on a local kid, but Gyno has responded to it very well. I think the ceiling (of his potential) is still high above him. Right now, he's the best local we've recruited in my time here, and he certainly has the potential to do a lot of big things this year and in the years to come."

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# NIT trip might be in play after USD falters in WCC

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FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — A week ago, the road to the postseason appeared to be opening up to the University of San Diego men's basketball team.

The Toreros were 10-3 upon completing their nonconference schedule.

The West Coast Conference was coming off a year it sent three teams to the postseason — Gonzaga and St. Mary's to the NCAA tournament and San Francisco to the NIT.

And, as a bonus for all western schools, the NCAA purchased the NIT from the New York-based Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Association this year. The hope among schools in the west is the field will be based more on merit and less on the old-boys' network that favored eastern teams and major conference schools that can guarantee ticket sales.

"It will be refreshing to see how the new approach works," said WCC commissioner Michael Gilleran. "My guess is after a year or two we'll see more of the non-football conferences and fewer of the 15-14 teams with big arenas."

An NCAA tournament bid remains USD's primary goal as the Toreros (10-5, 0-2 WCC) return home tonight to play Santa Clara (8-6, 1-1) at Jenny Craig Pavilion. But first USD must show it has recovered from last weekend's upset losses at Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine.

"We went in a little too confident," said senior forward Nick Lewis. "We've got to realize it's tough to win on the road in any conference."



ROBERT BENSON / FOR THE NCT

Losses to Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine have slowed Nick Lewis, center, and USD.

Much of the NCAA's postseason selection process is based on the Ratings Percentage Index, which measures records and strength of schedule. The NCAA is expected to pick its NIT field similar to the NCAA tournament.

The Toreros, who advanced to the NCAA tournament in 2003 by winning the WCC tournament with an automatic bid, are only 146th in the latest RPI rankings. That means the Toreros' best chance for the NCAA remains winning the WCC.

But Gilleran expects another benefit of the NCAA running the NIT is more second-tier conference regular-season champions that are upset in their tournament will earn bids.

The WCC ranked seventh among conferences last year



## TOREROS REPORT

TODAY: vs. Santa Clara

- **WHAT:** Men's college basketball
- **TIPOFF:** 7 p.m. at Jenny Craig Pavilion
- **TV/RADIO:** Channel 4; XKTT (1700 AM)
- **RECORD:** Santa Clara 8-6, 1-1 West Coast Conference; University of San Diego 10-5, 0-2
- **UPDATE:** USD plays its first home game since Dec. 22, when it beat New Mexico 63-56. ... Somewhere in the Toreros' past three road games — a victory over Eastern Washington and West Coast Conference losses at Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine — USD lost the grip it was gaining on its turnovers bugaboo. The Toreros lost to the Lions and Waves by a total of three points while committing a combined 40 turnovers. ... The Toreros' 0-2 start in WCC play has them looking up at everyone else in conference but Saint Mary's. At least the Toreros are in good company: Saint Mary's, also 0-2 in conference, was an NCAA tournament team last year and was picked second in the WCC behind Gonzaga. ... Santa Clara is one of the teams in the middle of the WCC standings after splitting its first two conference games at home. The Broncos beat Portland 87-77 but lost to Gonzaga 81-68. Senior F **Travis Niesen** (6-foot-7) is second in the conference in scoring at 20.3 ppg. \*Sophomore F **Mitch Henke** (10.8 ppg) and sophomore G **Brody Angley** (10.3 ppg) provide balance.

— Tom Shanahan

when it placed three teams in the postseason for the first time since 1996, but this year the RPI ranking has slipped to 11th.

"I believe the RPI is a valid tool, and that means our teams are going to have to win to get separation," Gilleran said. "I think they'll need 10 or 11 conference wins."

San Francisco earned an NIT bid last year with a 17-14 overall record and a 6-8 conference mark, while USD stayed home at 16-13 and 7-7.

Until last week, the Toreros looked like a team that could win 10 or more conference games.

"We'll get it back," said Lewis of the team's promising play. "We can win a lot of games in conference."

## Bronco Hoops Returns To The Road

Santa Clara opens a three-game road swing at San Diego Monday.

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**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** - After playing its last six games within the friendly confines of the Leavey Center, the Santa Clara University men's basketball team returns to the road Monday for a West Coast Conference game at the University of San Diego.

The contest is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday off at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion and can be heard on the radio in the Bay Area on KNTS-AM (1220) and via the Internet on Broncos All-Access. The game also can be televised in the San Diego area by Cox Communications. Tickets are available by calling 619/260-7550.



Mitch Henke and the Broncos travel to San Diego this weekend.

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Santa Clara enters Monday's game with an 8-6 overall record and 1-1 mark in league play splitting a pair of games last weekend at the Leavey Center. The Broncos have won four of their last six games, which includes wins over Bucknell and Portland. SCU is coming off a tough 81-68 loss to sixth-ranked Gonzaga in front of a sold-out crowd and ESPN2 national television audience Monday night.

Senior Travis Niesen has led the Broncos in 11 of the team's 14 games, including the last five in a row. The Mission Viejo, Calif. native is averaging 20.3 points per game, which leads the team and rates second in the WCC behind the nation's top scorer Adam Morrison from Gonzaga.

Niesen is also second on the team in rebounding with a 7.0 per game average and is shooting .442 from the field and .771 from the free throw line.

Sophomores Mitch Henke and Brody Angley combine to score more than 21 points and grab 9.6 rebounds per game. Henke, a forward from Minnetonka, Minn., is the team's second-best three-point shooter and is tied for third on the team in rebounds.

A native of Redding, Calif., Angley is tied for the WCC lead in assist-turnover ratio and is second in the league in assists with an average of 5.4 per game. In his last seven outings, Angley is averaging seven assists per game. Against Portland last weekend, he scored 17 points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out eight assists.

The rest of the starting lineup is comprised of freshmen Calvin Johnson and John Bryant. A guard from Morton, Texas, Johnson is the team's fourth-leading scorer with an average of 9.2 points and is among the league leaders in three-point percentage at .395.

Bryant, a San Pablo, Calif. native, is third in the WCC in rebounds with a team-leading 8.1 per game and second in blocks with 25. The 6'-10" center is shooting .571 from the field and is scoring at a 7.2 per



game clip.

After missing eight games due to a stress fracture in his foot, SCU center Sean Denison returned against Gonzaga to see his first action since Dec. 3 at Mississippi State.

San Diego is 10-5 on the season and 0-2 in the conference after dropping a pair of heartbreaking games against Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine on the road last weekend. The Toreros lost a two-point 86-84 decision at LMU on Saturday, then fell 55-54 in Malibu on Monday night.

Senior Nick Lewis averages 19.5 points per game and has led USD in scoring in eight of its 15 games this season. Four Toreros are in double-figures in scoring and three have started all 15 games.

Corey Belser is averaging 14.5 points per game and leads the team on the boards with a 7.5 per game rebounding average. Ross DeRogatis, who scored 28 points and tied a school-record with eight three-point field goals against SCU last season, is scoring at an 11.2 per game clip and is shooting 43 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

Under coach Brad Holland, the Toreros won 10 of their 13 non-conference games. Of its three losses, USD dropped a two-point contest at UC Santa Barbara and an overtime decision at home to Texas-Arlington. The only other blemish was an 11-point loss at San Jose State.

Santa Clara owns a 32-24 series edge over USD since the first game during the 1963-64 season. Over the last 16 meetings, however, the two teams have split the series with eight wins apiece.

The Broncos are 5-5 in Jenny Craig Pavilion, which includes a 3-2 mark against San Diego and a 2-3 record in WCC Championships games that were played in the six-year-old facility.

After the San Diego contest, Santa Clara returns to Southern California the following weekend for games at Loyola Marymount on Jan. 21 and Pepperdine on Jan. 23. SCU returns to the Leavey Center on Jan. 28 for a matchup against rival San Francisco.

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# Suddenly, Toreros off to 0-2 start in the WCC

USD blows late chances  
as Pepperdine holds on

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

MALIBU — If it didn't know beforehand, USD's men's basketball team does now. Games are much tougher in conference and on the road than they are in November and December, home or away.

Pepperdine

55

Toreros

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Playing more like the team that was a preseason pick for seventh in the West Coast Conference than the one that went 10-3 leading up to league play, USD (10-5, 0-2 WCC) completed a losing sweep of a two-game WCC opening trip to the Los Angeles area by dropping a 55-54 decision to Pepperdine (5-9, 1-1) here last night before 1,297 at Firestone Fieldhouse.

Two days after seeing a 17-point second-half lead turn into a loss at the buzzer against Loyola Marymount, USD saw Gyno Pomare miss two free throws with 9.2 seconds to play and Ross DeRogatis miss a three-point shot at the buzzer in failing to pull out the victory.

The point total was the lowest for the Toreros since a loss to Santa Clara in the opening round of the 2004 WCC Tournament. USD marked only its second two-game losing streak of the season while ending a two-game loss streak for Pepperdine, the team picked below USD in the coaches' preseason poll.

With the eventual final score on the board, the final 38.1 seconds, and especially the final 9.2, were an exercise in complete frustration for USD.

The Toreros trailed 55-54 after DeRogatis hit a three-pointer with 1:22 remaining. They got the ball back after Pomare recorded his fourth block of the game with 38.1 seconds left.

A Pomare shot from close range danced three times on the rim before dropping off and being rebounded by Pepperdine with 28.5 seconds left, prompting Nick Lewis (11 points, 5 rebounds, 6 turnovers) to record his

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### Three-pointer fails at buzzer in USD's loss

fifth foul to stop the clock. But the Toreros got the ball back when Pepperdine's Cody Hornung bricked a free throw so badly it bounced over the top of the backboard.

Pomare was fouled with 9.2 seconds left and missed both free throws, but first Ray Murdock and then Corey Belser got control of the ball without being able to go up for a shot. After taking a timeout with 2.1 seconds left, the Toreros inbounded the ball to DeRogatis, whose shot from just past the three-point line dipped down into the basket before spinning out.

"We got the shot exactly as we drew up the play, I just missed it," DeRogatis, a junior guard said. "It did feel good when it left my hand."

The final miss dropped USD's second-half shooting percentage to 26.3 percent (5-for-19). This from a team that entered shooting over 50 percent for the season but managed only 34.8 against Pepperdine.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD**

**West Coast Conf.**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Gonzaga	2	0	1.000	12	3	.800
LMU	2	0	1.000	5	11	.313
Santa Clara	1	1	.500	8	6	.571
Portland	1	1	.500	7	9	.438
Pepperdine	1	1	.500	5	9	.357
San Francisco	1	1	.500	5	10	.333
USD	0	2	.000	10	5	.667
Saint Mary's	0	2	.000	7	7	.500

**Yesterday's Games**  
 Pepperdine 55, USD 54  
 Portland 74, Saint Mary's 72, OT  
 Loy. Marymount 84, San Fran. 75, 2OT  
 Gonzaga 81, Santa Clara 68

**Saturday's Games**  
 Loyola Marymount at Portland, 7 p.m.  
 Pepperdine at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.

**SUMMARY**

**Pepperdine 55, USD 54**

	USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Pomare	32	5-9	1-4	5	0	1	11	
Belser	34	2-8	6-6	8	2	2	10	
N.Lewis	30	4-10	2-2	4	0	5	11	
DeRogatis	29	1-5	0-0	4	2	2	3	
Murdock	23	1-4	3-4	4	1	3	6	
Johnson	28	1-3	5-6	3	0	2	7	
Brown	6	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	
White	6	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	
Cohen	12	2-6	2-3	5	1	1	6	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-46</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>54</b>	

Percentages: FG .348, FT .760. 3-Point Goals: 3-15, 200 (Murdock 1-2, DeRogatis 1-3, N.Lewis 1-4, Brown 0-1, Johnson 0-2, Belser 0-3). Team Rebounds: 3. Blocked Shots: 5 (Pomare 4, DeRogatis). Turnovers: 20 (N.Lewis 6, Belser 5, Pomare 3, Murdock 3, Johnson 2, Cohen). Steals: 4 (Belser 2, Johnson 2). Technical Fouls: None.

	PEPPERDINE	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Forehan-Kelly	24	3-8	1-3	5	2	5	10	
Galick	12	0-3	0-0	1	0	5	0	
Henry	26	4-5	0-0	7	4	4	8	
Gerrity	35	6-12	2-2	2	4	2	14	
Griffin	24	4-10	2-2	3	1	1	12	
Barlow	17	0-3	0-0	1	1	0	0	
Pranciskas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Lea	10	0-3	0-0	2	1	0	0	
Costain	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Jarbo	13	1-6	0-0	2	0	2	2	
Grubb	5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	
Horning	20	2-4	1-4	6	0	2	5	
Hicks	14	2-2	0-0	2	0	1	4	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-57</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	

Percentages: FG .386, FT .727. 3-Point Goals: 3-14, 214 (Griffin 2-6, Forehan-Kelly 1-3, Grubb 0-1, Galick 0-1, Jarbo 0-1, Barlow 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 5 (Henry 3, Lea, Grubb). Turnovers: 16 (Forehan-Kelly 6, Gerrity 3, Barlow 2, Galick 2, Lea, Henry, Jarbo). Steals: 8 (Forehan-Kelly 2, Horning 2, Gerrity 2, Henry, Barlow). Technical Fouls: None.

	USD (10-5, 0-2)	25	25	54
Pepperdine (5-9, 1-1)		28	27	55

Att.-1,297. Officials-Tim Galbutero, Jim Giron, Frank Harvey.

next, and hit two free throws for the final two points of the game.

The Toreros had Pepperdine's strategy well scouted, but couldn't make the stops, except for Pomare's block, when they counted most.

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**MAJOR MEN'S SCORES**

**TOP 25**  
 No. 4 Connecticut 70, No. 25 Cincinnati 59  
 No. 6 Gonzaga 81, Santa Clara 68  
 No. 8 Texas 78, Iowa State 58  
 No. 10 Louisville 81, UC Davis 58

**WEST**  
 Pepperdine 55, USD 54  
 CS Northridge 76, UC Riverside 62  
 Long Beach St. 79, Cal Poly 66  
 Loyola Marymount 84, San Francisco 75, 2OT  
 Pacific 83, Cal St.-Fullerton 74  
 Portland 74, Saint Mary's 72, OT  
 UC Irvine 70, UC Santa Barbara 66

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Arkansas St. 74, Ark.-L.R. 70  
 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 105, Prairie View 77

**MIDWEST**  
 IPFW 75, Tri-State 61  
 S. Utah 76, Oakland, Mich. 73  
 UMKC 72, W. Illinois 62  
 Valparaiso 80, Oral Roberts 60  
 Wright St. 88, Kenyon 47  
 Xavier 82, E. Kentucky 63

**SOUTH**  
 Alabama A&M 74, MVSU 67  
 Appalachian St. 68, W. Carolina 53  
 Ark.-Pine Bluff 52, Alabama St. 49  
 Belmont 91, Jacksonville 78  
 Beth-Cookman 58, Morgan St. 41  
 Coppin St. 75, Florida A&M 70  
 Delaware St. 56, N. Carolina A&T 52  
 ETSU 89, Gardner-webb 66  
 Elon 92, Chattanooga 74  
 Florida Atlantic 77, Stetson 62  
 Furman 83, Wofford 52  
 Georgia Southern 71, Coll. of Charleston 68  
 Grambling St. 65, Alcorn St. 62  
 Hampton 65, Howard 48  
 High Point 82, Coastal Carolina 62  
 Kennesaw St. 81, Campbell 77  
 Lipscomb 75, North Florida 67  
 Murray St. 66, E. Illinois 55  
 Norfolk St. 74, Md.-East. Shore 62  
 Southern U. 80, Jackson St. 65

**EAST**  
 Albany, N.Y. 68, Cornell 59  
 Fordham 78, Penn 63  
 Sacred Heart 74, Cent. Connecticut St. 71  
 Yale 71, American U. 59

**MAJOR WOMEN'S SCORES**

**TOP 25**  
 No. 4 North Carolina 90, Miami 57  
 No. 8 Ohio St. 75, No. 16 Okla. 71  
 Iowa 75, No. 9 Michigan State 64  
 No. 17 Minnesota 69, Indiana 64

**WEST**  
 CS Northridge 76, UC Riverside 70  
 Cal St.-Fullerton 72, Pacific 64  
 Long Beach St. 78, Cal Poly 58  
 UC Santa Barbara 71, UC Irvine 60

**MEN'S TOP 25 SUMMARIES**

**No. 4 Connecticut 70, No. 25 Cincinnati 59**

**CINCINNATI (13-3)** - Hicks 6-15 1-1 14, White 6-12 4-4 18, McGowan 2-7 2-2 6, Downey 3-8 1-3 7, Kirkland 4-8 3-4 14, Moore 0-0 0-0 0, Tilford 0-0 0-0 0, Muhammad 0-9 0-0 0, Allen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-59 11-14 59.

**CONNECTICUT (13-1)** - Boone 3-9 1-1 7, Gay Jr. 4-11 1-2 11, Armstrong Jr. 7-10 0-0 14, Austria 2-3 0-0 4, Brown 2-7 7-9 11, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Adrien 2-4 3-4 7, Williams 3-8 4-4 11, Anderson 2-15 0-0 5. Totals 25-67 16-20 70.

Halftime-Connecticut 37-33, 3-Point Goals-Cincinnati 6-18 (Kirkland 3-5, White 2-4, Hicks 1-1, Downey 0-1, McGowan 0-2, Muhammad 0-5), Connecticut 4-15 (Gay Jr. 2-3, Williams 1-1, Anderson 1-8, Brown 0-3). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Cincinnati 32 (Hicks 11), Connecticut 52 (Armstrong Jr. 10). Assists-Cincinnati 12 (White 4), Connecticut 16 (Williams 7). Total Fouls-Cincinnati 19, Connecticut 13. A-16,294.

**No. 6 Gonzaga 81, Santa Clara 68**

**GONZAGA (12-3)** - Morrison 12-20 8-9 34, Mallon 3-5 1-1 8, Batista 4-8 3-3 11, Altidor-Cespedes 0-4 0-0 0, Raivio 5-10 4-4 18, Pargo 0-1 0-0 0, Doudney 0-0 0-0 0, Floyd 0-0 0-0 0, Gurganion 3-3 2-2 8, Knight 1-2 0-2 2, Gentry 0-0 0-0 0, Pendergraft 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-55 18-21 81.

**SANTA CLARA (8-6)** - Henke 5-13 0-1 12, Niesen 9-19 4-5 22, Bryant 0-2 1-2 1, Angley 4-8 4-5 14, Johnson 3-10 1-2 8, Rohe 3-8 0-0 8, Mlanugo 0-0 0-0 0, Kaempff 1-1 0-0 0, Denison 0-2 0-0 0, Burke 0-0 0-0 0, Sammett 0-0 0-0 0, Daniel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-63 10-15 68.

Halftime-Gonzaga 39-34, 3-Point Goals-Gonzaga 7-17 (Raivio 4-7, Morrison 2-5, Mallon 1-3, Altidor-Cespedes 0-2), Santa Clara 8-26 (Angley 2-5, Henke 2-5, Rohe 2-5, Kaempff 1-1, Johnson 1-8, Niesen 0-1). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Gonzaga 41 (Batista 10), Santa Clara 30 (Henke 8). Assists-Gonzaga 15 (Morrison 5), Santa Clara 16 (Angley 6). Total Fouls-Gonzaga 18, Santa Clara 20. A-4,500.

**No. 9 Texas 78, Iowa St. 58**

**TEXAS (13-2)** - Gibson 5-12 5-7 19, Paulino 7-9 0-0 20, Tucker 5-11 7-9 17, Buckman 5-9 0-0 10, Aldridge 3-7 3-7 9, Atchley 0-1 0-0 0, Abrams 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 26-53 15-23 78.

**IOWA ST. (11-4)** - Stinson 3-10 1-2 7, Blalock 7-16 0-0 17, Clark 6-14 2-2 18, Hubalek 2-5 0-0 5, Marsden 3-6 0-0 6, Taggart 1-1 2-2 2, Carr 1-4 0-0 3, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Neal 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-57 5-6 58.

Halftime-Texas 34-29, 3-Point Goals-Texas 11-21 (Paulino 6-8, Gibson 4-8, Abrams 1-4, Buckman 0-1), Iowa St. 9-24 (Clark 4-7, Blalock 3-9, Carr 1-2, Hubalek 1-2, Davis 0-1, Stinson 0-3). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Texas 41 (Aldridge 10), Iowa St. 28 (Clark 7). Assists-Texas 17 (Abrams 8), Iowa St. 15 (Stinson 8). Total Fouls-Texas 11, Iowa St. 16. A-13,652.

**No. 10 Louisville 81, UC Davis 58**

**UC DAVIS (4-10)** - Rasmussen 5-13 1-2 12, Brucculeri 5-12 1-2 15, Lopez-Low 5-8 0-0 12, Marentez 2-6 0-0 5, Oliver 2-9 2-3 7, Boone 0-0 0-0 0, Juillerat 1-5 5-6 7, Carter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-53 9-13 58.

**LOUISVILLE (13-2)** - Williams 4-10 0-0 8, Palacios 0-2 4-4 4, Padgett 6-7 2-2 14, Jenkins 11-13 2-2 31, McGee 1-5 4-7 7, Gianiny 1-4 0-0 3, P.Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Current 0-1 0-0 0, Harvey 1-3 2-2 5, Huffman 1-1 0-0 2, Farley 1-2 0-0 2, B.Johnson 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 26-51 15-18 81.

Halftime-Louisville 43-27, 3-Point Goals-UC Davis 9-25 (Brucculeri 4-7, Lopez-Low 2-2, Marentez 1-4, Rasmussen 1-5, Oliver 1-7), Louisville 10-23 (Jenkins 7-9, McGee 1-2, Gianiny 1-3, Harvey 1-3, Current 0-1, Palacios 0-2, Williams 0-3). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-UC Davis 28 (Brucculeri 8), Louisville 32 (Williams 8). Assists-UC Davis 14 (Juillerat 5), Louisville 18 (Williams 8). Total Fouls-UC Davis 16, Louisville 18. A-18,815.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS MEN'S POLL (Records through Jan. 8)**

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (72)	14-0	1,800	1
2. Florida	14-0	1,702	5
3. Villanova	10-1	1,578	3
4. Connecticut	12-1	1,475	2
5. Memphis	13-2	1,186	4

6. Gonzaga	11-3	1,382	8
7. Illinois	15-1	1,365	6
8. Texas	12-2	1,209	15
9. Indiana	10-2	1,076	16
10. Louisville	12-2	1,065	9
11. UCLA	13-2	963	17
12. Pittsburgh	12-0	868	22
13. Washington	12-2	772	10
14. Michigan St.	12-4	706	7
15. Boston College	11-3	668	11
16. West Virginia	10-3	649	24
17. Geo. Wash.	10-1	588	20
18. N.C. State	12-2	549	13
19. Ohio St.	11-1	533	18
20. North Carolina	9-2	529	25
21. Wisconsin	12-2	494	-
22. Okla.	9-3	425	12
23. Maryland	11-3	360	14
24. Arizona	10-4	243	21
25. Cincinnati	13-2	159	-

Others receiving votes: Iowa 138, Wake Forest 123, Tennessee 116, Syracuse 100, N. Iowa 32, Kentucky 31, Air Force 28, Kansas 27, Nevada 18, California 12, Vanderbilt 11, Xavier 6, Michigan 5, Iowa St. 3, N. Illinois 3, Marquette 2, Bucknell 1.

**USA TODAY/ESPN MEN'S POLL (Records through Jan. 8)**

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (31)	14-0	775	1
2. Florida	14-0	739	5
3. Villanova	10-1	672	3
4. Connecticut	12-1	662	2
5. Memphis	13-2	653	4
6. Illinois	15-1	604	6
7. Gonzaga	11-3	556	9
8. Indiana	10-2	499	15
9. Texas	12-2	490	16
10. Louisville	12-2	463	8
11. Pittsburgh	12-0	404	20
12. UCLA	13-2	396	17
13. Washington	12-2	356	10
14. Boston College	11-3	309	11
15. Michigan State	12-4	287	7
16. Ohio State	11-1	275	18
17. Wisconsin	12-2	256	24
18. N.C. State	12-2	251	12
19. Geo. Wash.	10-1	218	19
20. North Carolina	9-2	192	25
21. Maryland	11-3	174	12
22. Oklahoma	9-3	173	14
23. West Virginia	10-3	131	-
24. Syracuse	13-2	96	-
25. Arizona	10-4	77	23

Others receiving votes: Cincinnati 58, Air Force 46, Tennessee 46, Iowa 36, Wake Forest 34, Colorado 27, Michigan 23, Kentucky 20, Northern Iowa 18, Texas A&M 9, Bucknell 8, Nevada 7, Xavier 7, Vanderbilt 6, Notre Dame 5, Kansas 4, Washington State 4, Buffalo 3, Arkansas 2, Florida State 2, Iowa State 2.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS WOMEN'S POLL (Records through Jan. 8)**

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Tennessee (35)	15-0	1,138	1
2. Duke (9)	14-0	1,108	2
3. LSU (2)	13-0	1,066	3
4. North Carolina	14-0	1,009	5
5. Baylor	11-1	907	4
6. Maryland	14-2	875	6
7. Connecticut	12-2	873	7
8. Ohio St.	10-2	798	10
9. Michigan St.	12-3	787	11
10. Rutgers	10-2	749	8
11. DePaul	15-1	710	13
12. Purdue	12-2	646	14
13. Georgia	11-3	520	17
14. Stanford	10-4	478	16
15. Arizona St.	12-3	472	9
16. Oklahoma	12-3	465	18
17. Minnesota	9-3	452	15
18. New Mexico	12-3	362	21
19. Temple	10-3	257	24
20. Notre Dame	9-4	256	12
21. Virginia Tech	14-1	213	25
22. Boston College	12-4	180	19
23. Vanderbilt	11-4	157	20
24. Missouri	12-2	71	-
25. N.C. State	10-4	65	-

Others receiving votes: Washington 64, Florida 56, BYU 40, Utah 36, Louisiana 24, Texas 23, Kansas 15, St. John's 15, Southern Cal 11, Virginia 9, Nebraska 8, George Washington 7, South Florida 7, Kansas St. 6, Miami 5, Arkansas 4, UCLA 4, Louisiana Tech 1, Marquette 1.

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"You're going to have poor shooting nights from time to time," USD coach Brad Holland said. "What we need to do is be a good enough team to overcome that. You can't have poor shooting nights and 20 turnovers."

"You overcome poor shooting nights by maximizing possessions and being solid on the defensive end of the floor. We had way too many turnovers. That has been the plight of this team so far and we've got to improve in that area."

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# Another late loss for the Toreros

■ DeRogatis' miss at buzzer dooms USD at Pepperdine

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**MALIBU** — Following a lost weekend in Los Angeles, the University of San Diego men's basketball team took another wrong turn, this time up the Malibu coast.

Two days after the Toreros blew a 17-point lead and lost to Loyola Marymount at the

Pepperdine	55
USD	54

buzzer, USD had a chance to beat Pepperdine. But junior guard Ross DeRogatis' last-second shot spun in and out of the basket as the Toreros lost 55-54 to the Waves on Monday night.

In an ugly game that sometimes looked more like rugby than basketball, USD (10-5, 0-2 West Coast Conference) couldn't quite get over the top.

"We're obviously extremely disappointed with our showing in L.A.," USD coach Brad Holland said. "We've got to be resilient right now and get better in some area to compete in league play. I really felt more than anything else we beat ourselves."

Throughout their 10-3 start, the Toreros struggled with turnovers, but they managed to overcome their troubles with an offense averaging 83.5 points a game.

Against Pepperdine (5-9, 1-1), USD combined its turnover problem — the Toreros gave the ball away 11 times in the first half and 20 for the game — with poor shooting. USD shot just 34.8 percent from the field (16-of-46) for the game, then managed a frigid 26.3 (5-of-19) in the second half.

Senior forwards Nick Lewis and Corey Belser led the Toreros in scoring, but only had 11 points each.

Still, USD was leading 42-38 with 9½ minutes to play when Lewis appeared to score with a Pepperdine defender hanging on him. But the basket was waved off.

Lewis stormed to mid-court, pulling his jersey over head. Holland, also upset with the call, motioned to the referee that the defender fouled Lewis. Instead, Holland was called for a technical foul.

"I thought Nick was fouled on the play," Holland said. "They called Nick for an offensive foul, and I reacted to that."

Pepperdine's Tashaan Forehan-Kelly made both free throws for the technical, and Michael Garrity followed with a basket to tie the game at 42 with 8:54 remaining.

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# USD lets one get away at Loyola Marymount

By Hank Wesch  
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LOS ANGELES — A game that looked to be a walk in the park ended up being a shot to the heart for the USD basketball team yesterday, and an 86-84 loss to Loyola Marymount in the West Coast Conference season opener.

Chris Ayer's 12-foot jump hook in the lane at the buzzer ended a five-game losing streak for LMU (4-11, 1-0), a team that had absorbed five of its 11 losses by a combined 11 points.

It ended a three-game winning streak for USD (10-4, 0-1) and was only the Toreros' second loss in their last 11 games.

USD led by 17 points (72-55) with 9:32 remaining and held an 80-67 lead with 4:37 to play before everything fell apart in a two-minute span in which the Toreros committed six turnovers and three fouls while missing one field goal and two free throw attempts.

Afterward, that's why USD coach Brad Holland paced the hallway in front of the visitor's locker room at Gersten Pavilion like a claustrophobic coyote in a cage while delivering a

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### Big lead vanishes in loss to Loyola

monologue of misery to reporters who hadn't asked a question.

"We're up 17 and didn't finish, that's the article," Holland began. "We had 14 turnovers in the second half. We didn't take care of the ball. Brandon Johnson, our (freshman) point guard was 6-for-11 from the free throw line and two of those were the front end of a one-and-one. So really he was 6-for-13.

"Except for Ray Murdock, our freshmen played like freshmen. But Ray Murdock played well."

USD's senior duo of Nick Lewis and Corey Belser did their part statistically. Lewis hit 10-of-13 shots, went 6-for-8 from three-point range, and hit both his free throws for 28 points. Belser had his sixth double-double of the season with 13 points and 13 rebounds and, on defense, kept LMU guard Wes Wardrop well-policed for most of the contest.

But when Belser was given a rest, with the Toreros up 72-55, LMU went off on a 10-3 run with Wardrop (four) and 6-foot-8 center Matthew Knight (six) providing all the points. Knight led Loyola with 20; Wardrop and the 6-10 Ayer had 13 apiece.

USD appeared to have weathered the storm, however, when Ross DeRo-

## SUMMARY

### Loyola Marymount 86, USD 84

USD	Min	FG		FT		Reb	A	PF	Pts
		M-A	M-A	O-T	A				
Belser	33	3-8	6-6	3-13	2	2	13		
N.Lewis	34	10-13	2-2	1-6	0	3	28		
Pomare	21	2-3	0-0	2-5	0	3	4		
DeRogatis	35	3-10	1-2	0-3	7	2	9		
Murdock	21	2-4	4-4	1-1	2	0	9		
Johnson	23	3-7	6-11	1-2	4	2	12		
Brown	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0		
White	11	2-3	0-0	2-2	1	2	4		
Cohen	13	1-3	3-4	0-1	1	3	5		
Smith	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26-52</b>	<b>22-29</b>	<b>12-35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>84</b>		

Percentages: FG .500, FT .759. 3-Point Goals: 10-21, 47.6 (N.Lewis 6-8, DeRogatis 2-5, Murdock 1-3, Belser 1-4, Brown 0-1). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 3 (Belser 2, N.Lewis). Turnovers: 20 (Pomare 5, Belser 3, N.Lewis 3, Johnson 3, DeRogatis 3, Murdock 2, Cohen). Steals: 6 (Johnson 2, Belser, N.Lewis, DeRogatis, Brown). Technical Fouls: None.

LMU	Min	FG		FT		Reb	A	PF	Pts
		M-A	M-A	O-T	A				
Knight	37	10-13	2-2	5-9	3	2	22		
Ayer	27	7-10	3-7	4-4	0	3	17		
Worthy	35	4-11	0-0	0-2	7	3	8		
Wardrop	38	7-11	3-4	0-3	6	1	19		
Ziri	19	3-7	0-0	1-5	5	3	8		
Montgomery	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	2		
Haywood	22	2-5	0-1	0-4	2	4	4		
Brown	11	3-7	0-1	1-3	1	4	6		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>37-66</b>	<b>8-15</b>	<b>11-30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>86</b>		

Percentages: FG .561, FT .533. 3-Point Goals: 4-13, 30.8 (Ziri 2-4, Wardrop 2-5, Montgomery 0-1, Worthy 0-3). Team Rebounds: 0. Blocked Shots: 4 (Worthy, Brown, Knight, Ziri). Turnovers: 14 (Worthy 5, Haywood 3, Wardrop 2, Ziri 2, Montgomery, Ayer). Steals: 8 (Knight 3, Wardrop 2, Ziri 2, Ayer). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (10-4, 0-1) 45 39 - 84  
Loyola Marymount (4-11, 1-0) 36 50 - 86

A-1,120. Officials-Mike Peterson, Brian Rood, Scott Harris.

gatis (9 points, 7 assists) completed a three-point play to put the Toreros up 80-67 with 4:37 to go.

But LMU pressed. The Toreros collapsed. LMU took an 81-80 lead on a three-point shot by Jon Ziri with 1:40 remaining and built it to 84-80 with 47.6 seconds left.

"We let them get back in it by our carelessness, our turnovers, not cashing in on our free throws," Holland said. "There was no drop in intensity.

## West Coast Conf.

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Gonzaga	1	0	1.000	11	3	.786
Santa Clara	1	0	1.000	8	5	.615
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	5	9	.357
LMU	1	0	1.000	4	11	.267
Saint Mary's	0	1	.000	7	6	.538
Portland	0	1	.000	6	9	.400
Pepperdine	0	1	.000	4	9	.308
<b>USD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.714</b>

### Yesterday's Games

Loyola Marymount 86, USD 84  
San Francisco 71, Pepperdine 63  
Santa Clara 87, Portland 77  
Gonzaga 68, Saint Mary's 60

### Tomorrow's Games

USD at Pepperdine  
Portland at Saint Mary's  
San Francisco at Loyola Marymount  
Gonzaga at Santa Clara

But when you just hand them the ball (turnovers) and don't make your foul shots, you come away with empty possessions."

The Toreros managed to pull even on two free throws each by Johnson and Belser in the final 35.4 seconds. But LMU had the last possession, starting with 5.5 seconds remaining.

The Lions inbounded the ball to Wardrop, who drew two defenders while driving to the right of the key before passing to Ayer for the winning basket.

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# USD blows lead to coach's chagrin

**TOM SHANAHAN**

FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

LOS ANGELES — When University of San Diego men's basketball coach Brad Holland emerged from the locker room Saturday afternoon at Loyola Marymount's Gersten Pavilion, he pivoted quickly to his right, head bowed and began pacing up and down the hallway.

After a moment, he volunteered a laundry list of reasons the Toreros blew a 17-point lead in the last 9½ minutes of their West Coast Conference opener, an 86-84 loss on a basket at the buzzer by Loyola Marymount center Chris Ayer.

"We had 14 turnovers in the second half," said Holland, continuing to pace. "We didn't take care of the ball. Brandon Johnson was 6-of-11 from the free-throw line, our

point guard. And two of those were the front end of one-and-ones, so he was really 6-of-13.

"Except for Ray Murdock, our freshmen were freshmen. Gyno Pomare and Brandon Johnson — they played like freshmen. Ray Murdock played well.

"Then at the end we have two guys guarding (Wes) Wardrop, which is not our defense. We leave a guy wide open, and (Wardrop) makes the pass. It's as simple as that. They found the open man like they're supposed to."

Wardrop, the talented younger brother of former San Diego State walk-on guard Ben Wardrop, passed the ball into the lane to 6-foot-10, 250-pound Ayer, who buried an uncontested 12-foot jump hook. Wardrop, a senior, finished with 19 points and six assists.

► USD, C-3

## ► USD

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The Lions (4-11, 1-0) ended a six-game losing streak, which included an 84-68 loss Dec. 31 to San Diego State, a team USD defeated earlier this year.

The Toreros (10-4, 0-1) play the second half of their road trip Monday night at Pepperdine, but they have surrendered momentum built with a start that made them the surprise story of the conference.

"I told the guys in the locker room this hurts and let it sting," said USD senior Nick Lewis, who scored 28 points. "But as soon as we walk out of the locker room, keep your head high. We've got to get Pepperdine. There's no sense to go on the road and lose one and then lose the second one."

The Toreros led 72-55 with 9:34 to play when senior defensive stopper Corey Belser (13 points) went to the bench for a breather. After Wardrop hit a jumper, Loyola Marymount forward Matthew Knight (22 points) stole a pass at midcourt intended for USD junior Nir Cohen. Instead of letting Knight go for layup, Cohen grabbed him at the half-court line and was whistled for an intentional foul.

Knight hit both free throws and then the Lions converted a basket after the inbounds pass as the four-point play launched an 8-0 run.

The Toreros led 75-65 when Belser returned, and they seemingly recovered to take an 80-67 with 4:37 to play. But another rash of turnovers and missed shots allowed Loyola Marymount to outscore the Toreros 19-4 the rest of the way.

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# Newcomers help USD to fast start

**TOM SHANAHAN**  
 FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

■ USD women lose conference opener, C-3.

LOS ANGELES — Several dates should be considered when attempting to pinpoint the University of San Diego's rise from seventh-place men's basketball preseason pick in the West Coast Conference to owners of a surprising 10-3 record as the Toreros open league play today at Loyola Marymount.

You could start with the upset of San Diego State on Nov. 30 that bolstered a six-game winning streak.

How about the Dec. 3 win at Furman when guard Ross DeRogatis hit 8-of-10 3-point

shots en route to 28 points in the Dec. 10 game when Chris Lewis scored 29 to beat Fresno State? The back-to-back Dec. 20 and Dec. 22 wins when Corey Belser's defense shut down high-scoring guards playing for a pair of hot teams, Loyola-Chicago and New Mexico?

But the answer, really, was the first day of summer school for six newcomers.

USD coach Brad Holland said last summer was the third year the Toreros took

► USD, C-2

## ► USD

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advantage of an NCAA scholarship rule that went into effect in 2001. The rule allows an institution to place an incoming student-athlete on scholarship in the summer prior to full-time enrollment in the fall.

"We've worked hard on fundraising, and it's really starting to pay off," Holland said. "It was vital for these six new players to get to know each other."

A student-athlete enrolling early on his or her own is nothing new in college sports, but it is cost prohibitive at a private school such as USD. Holland said the Toreros raised \$138,000 through their most recent Sixth Man Night staged for boosters.

The booster-generated funds covered the cost of summer scholarships for four freshman, Brandon Johnson, Ray Murdock, Danny Brown and Chris Lewis, and two junior-college transfers, Nir Cohen and Theo White. They took the NCAA-required minimum of six credits in summer classes and got to know their new teammates through pickup games. Those were the first steps toward quickly fitting into the lineup when the season started.

"Their high basketball IQs and maturity have been the key," Holland said. "It started in the summer when the guys played together and it's been developing right up to now."

Johnson, a 6-foot point guard from Houston, possesses rare press-breaking ability and leads the team in assists off the bench (4.2 per game); the athletic 6-3 Murdock from Phoenix starts at offguard with a good all-around game; and 6-4 Brown from Olathe, Kan., has hit 13 3-pointers off the bench. Chris Lewis, is redshirting this season.

Cohen (6-7, 245 pounds) and White (6-4, 240) play important backup roles in the paint on a team that otherwise lacks size behind its front-court starters: Nick Lewis, a 6-10 senior forward; Belser, a 6-7 senior forward; and Gyno Pomare, a 6-7 redshirt freshman center from El Camino High.

The new players took on bigger roles when USD lost three veterans for the season: forward Floyd North withdrew from school, forward-center Mike Shepherd (back) was injured in preseason practice and guard Mike Hubbard's tender knees gave out after only two games.

"People predicted us to be soft this year, but I told the guys after the summer I liked our team," Nick Lewis said. "After being around the guys all summer, I knew we were capable being where we're at right now."

The WCC opener at Loyola Marymount (3-



## TOREROS REPORT

**TODAY:** at Loyola Marymount

- **WHAT:** Men's college basketball
- **TIPOFF:** 3 p.m. at Gersten Pavilion
- **RECORD:** Toreros 10-3; Loyola Marymount 3-11
- **TV/RADIO:** Fox Sports Net/1700 AM
- **UPDATE:** USD and Loyola have flip-flopped expectations and results since November. The Toreros were supposed to be the inexperienced team with only five returning lettermen and eight newcomers. The Lions returned 12 lettermen with three newcomers. ... USD's freshmen and junior college transfers have accepted supporting roles around senior F **Nick Lewis**, who ranks third in the West Coast Conference at 19.5 points per game; senior F **Corey Belser**, a defensive stopper who leads the WCC in 3-point field goal percentage at 51.9 percent (27-of-52); and junior G **Ross DeRogatis** at 11.8 ppg. DeRogatis may be coming out of a shooting slump after hitting 3-of-4 from 3-point range in a 97-78 New Year's Day win at Eastern Washington. ... The Toreros have won 10 games entering WCC play for the first time since the 1985-86 season. But one of USD's losses was 67-65 to UC Santa Barbara, a team that Loyola Marymount later defeated 77-60. ... The Lions' experience hasn't been enough to prevent cold shooting and poor defense from resulting in a disappointing season. Loyola Marymount is last in the WCC field goal percentage (40.0) and last in points allowed (75.4 ppg). ... Junior F **Matthew Knight** leads the Lions with 15.1 ppg. ... This is USD's first radio broadcast on 1700 AM after signing a deal last week for the remainder of the season.

— Tom Shanahan

11) is followed by Monday's visit to Pepperdine (4-8 entering today's game against San Francisco). The Toreros return home to Jenny Craig Pavilion for a three-game stretch beginning Jan. 16 against Santa Clara before facing No. 8-ranked Gonzaga on Jan. 21 and Portland on Jan. 23.

Gonzaga is the favorite to win the WCC tournament and automatic NCAA berth, so USD is 10 wins shy of the 20-win milestone that would enhance postseason consideration. The Toreros have 14 conference games and at least one WCC tournament game remaining.

Last year the WCC advanced three teams to the postseason — Gonzaga and Saint Mary's to the NCAA and San Francisco to the NIT.

"Obviously, we feel we're not a seventh-place team now, but we have to prove ourselves in conference," Holland said. "You have to have the attitude you need to re-prove yourself. The nonconference record is important, but it doesn't carry you."

## WCC MEN'S BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

Listed by order of predicted finish in the coaches' preseason poll:

### 1. GONZAGA (10-3)

Of all Gonzaga's perennially nationally ranked teams, this might be the best. Junior F **Adam Morrison**, a Wooden Award candidate, leads the nation in scoring at 27.8 points per game. He has a pair of 43-point performances against ranked opponents — a win over Michigan State and a loss to Washington. Senior F **J.P. Batista** is third in the conference in scoring at 19.7. Gonzaga, ranked No. 8, has won five straight regular-season titles and six of the last seven WCC tournament titles.

### 2. SAINT MARY'S (7-5)

The Gaels upset No. 20 Nevada on Dec. 31 when Junior F **Brett Collins** scored a career-high 31 points. Collins provides another scoring threat with senior F **Daniel Kickert**, a preseason all-conference pick averaging 17.3 points per game. The Gaels were the WCC's second NCAA entry last year as an at-large team behind Gonzaga.

### 3. PORTLAND (6-8)

The Pilots' slow start can be traced to scoring 68.2 points per game, seventh best in the league, while ranking fifth in defense at 72.7. Senior G **Pooh Jeter**, a preseason all-conference pick, leads Portland's balanced lineup with 15.5 points per game, and sophomore F **Marcus Lewis** is adding punch with two double-doubles and a 19-point game against UCSB.

### 4. LOYOLA MARYMOUNT (3-11)

The Lions are the league's biggest disappointment with a 3-11 start, including a 16-point loss on Dec. 31 at San Diego State in their final nonconference game. Senior G **Wes Wardrop** scored 19 points against the Aztecs. Senior F **Matthew Knight** (15.1 ppg) leads the Lions in scoring.

### 5. SANTA CLARA (7-5)

Senior F **Travis Niesen** is second in the WCC scoring with 20.2 points per game and averaged 23.5 points as the Broncos won the Cable Car Classic with wins over UC Riverside and Bucknell. Freshman C **John Bryant** averages 7.9 rebounds per game and 2.1 blocks per game.

### 6. SAN FRANCISCO (4-9)

Poway resident **Alan Wiggins**, a junior forward, is enjoying a breakout season with averages of 13.9 points, 7.4 rebounds and 2.2 blocks. He leads the WCC in blocks and offensive rebounds (3.2). Wiggins scored a career-high 24 points on 9-of-13 shooting in a 65-60 loss to Fresno State. Last year, the Dons were the WCC's third postseason team as an NIT entry.

### 7. UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO (10-3)

USD is no longer viewed a second-tier pick. ESPN's **Dick Vitale** recently said the Toreros are his No. 2 team behind Gonzaga. The Toreros have quickly blended three veterans, senior F **Nick Lewis**, senior F **Corey Belser** and junior G **Ross DeRogatis**, with redshirt freshman F **Gyno Pomare** of El Camino High, three true freshmen guards and two junior-college transfers.

### 8. PEPPERDINE (4-8)

As young as USD looked in November, the Waves were even less experienced with six newcomers and 10 underclassmen. Freshman G **Michael Gerrity** leads all WCC freshmen in scoring with 15.7 ppg. Senior G/F **Tashaan Forehan-Kelly** is the WCC's most improved player with 13.8 ppg after averaging 1.2 last year.

— Tom Shanahan



# WCC shock: Toreros may be the Zags' main threat

By **Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

Gonzaga and seven teams of unknown and considerably less quality.

That was the widely held preseason perception of the West Coast Conference in college basketball circles.

Now, seven weeks later and with the WCC season commencing today, the Zags are right where everyone expected them to be — ranked No. 8 in the nation and apparently poised to again dominate a league they've ruled for almost a decade.

Coach Mark Few's Bulldogs are 10-3, with losses to No. 2 Connecticut, No. 4 Memphis and No. 10 Washington — on opposing or neutral courts — and victories over No. 7 Michigan State, No. 14 Maryland and Oklahoma State.

"It's the greatest nonleague run we've ever had," Few said this week. "That's where we've been, who we've played and how they've played."

As easy as it was to make preseason predictions of success for Gonzaga, however, it was that difficult to predict which of the other league teams would emerge as possible challengers.

Some teams with a recent history of contending had graduation losses to replace. Some with returning talent

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### Holland: USD must 're-prove' itself

hadn't finished in the league's top four in many years.

And the unknown-quality team that has materialized as arguably the biggest challenge to Gonzaga is, would you believe, USD.

The Toreros have posted a 10-3 record identical to Gonzaga — albeit against a considerably easier schedule. They've won three straight, nine of 10 and recently defeated Loyola of Chicago and New Mexico two days apart at USD.

"Those are teams that are comparable to the upper-echelon teams we will face in the WCC. That's the way we have to play and what we have to do when the conference season starts," USD coach Brad Holland said at the time.

Apparently somebody in the league office thinks the Toreros might be for real.

Go to the [wccsports.com](http://wccsports.com) Web site. Click on the men's basketball link. The "Countdown to Tipoff" graphic is homed on "USD vs. Gonzaga" with a running clock showing the days, hours, minutes and seconds before the start of the Jan. 21 game between the two at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

That could be considered flattering to a team that entered the season without its top two scorers and rebounders from last season's 16-13 group and was picked seventh in the coaches' preseason poll. But Holland called it only an acknowledgement that the Toreros are "the biggest surprise of the preconference," and meaningless in terms of the task they begin this afternoon at Loyola Marymount.

"We have to re-prove ourselves as being a good team," Holland said. "The conference season is different from the nonconference season. You are much more thoroughly scouted. There's much more on the line. You play every team twice.

— "It's a different world going from



Even though the Toreros have a 10-3 record, USD coach Brad Holland warns conference games are a "different world." *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

nonconference to conference and we're just trying to prepare ourselves for that. We go into it with six guys who haven't played a league game, just like we started the season with six who hadn't played a Division I game.

"They've got to experience it. They've got to go through it to understand the intensity of conference play."

The Toreros' opening Saturday-Monday assignment — the WCC switched from its traditional Thursday-Saturday format to be part of the ESPN "Big Monday" TV package — at 3-11 LMU and 4-8 Pepperdine would appear to be unimposing.

But Holland cautions about judging those teams based on preconference records.

"That would be a huge mistake," Holland said. "You're foolish to look at any team and go: 'Well, our nonconference record is better, so we're better.'

"Teams peak at different times during the year, people play different strengths of schedules and there are any number of other factors that come in once you start conference play."

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## West Coast Conference

Predicted order of finish for men's basketball teams, based on nonconference results:

- 1. Gonzaga (10-3):** Ranked No. 8 nationally, recognized as one of the premier programs in the country and showing no signs of decline.
- 2. USD (10-3):** Three-vet, six-newcomer mix has been deliciously productive.
- 3. Saint Mary's (7-5):** Has an excellent big man in Daniel Kickert. Served notice with recent win over No. 20 Nevada. Hosts Gonzaga today.
- 4. Santa Clara (7-5):** Cable Car Classic Tournament win to end '05 had to build confidence.
- 5. Portland (6-8):** Hasn't shown nearly enough to validate No. 3 preseason pick by WCC coaches.
- 6. Pepperdine (4-8):** Young, rebuilding Waves took some lumps facing strong early schedule but have won three of last four.
- 7. San Francisco (4-9):** Beat Bobby Knight and struggling Texas Tech a month ago, but a four-game losing streak isn't the recommended way to enter this part of the season.
- 8. Loyola Marymount (3-11):** Hasn't gotten it together for first-year coach Rodney Tention as many expected.

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# Toreros tune up for WCC with win

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CHENEY, Wash. — Corey Belser scored 23 points to lead five players in double figures as the University of San

USD	97
E. Washington	78

Diego men's basketball team rolled to a 97-78

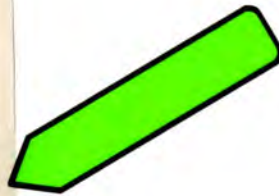
nonconference victory over Eastern Washington on Sunday.

Belser hit 10-of-13 from the floor for the Toreros (10-3), who shot 64 percent from the floor in the first half while cruising to a 58-36 lead over the Eagles (5-8), who never got closer than 17 the rest of the way.

Redshirt freshman Gyno Pomare, a former El Camino High star, had 20 points and nine rebounds and Nick Lewis added 19 points and nine boards for USD. Ross DeRogatis and Brandon Johnson each chipped in 13 points.

The Toreros open West Coast Conference play Saturday at Loyola Marymount. USD will enter conference play with 10 or more wins for just the third time since becoming a Division I school in 1979.

Eastern Washington was led by freshman Rodney Stuckey's 19 points and seven assists.



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**Men: USD at  
E. Washington**

**When:** Today, 2:05 p.m.

**Where:** Cheney, Washington

**TV/Radio:** None

**Web site:**

[www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Records:** USD 9-3, EWU 5-7

**Series:** USD leads 5-0

**Outlook:** Defeats at BYU (97-66) on Tuesday and Boise State (76-72) on Thursday were the third and fourth in the last five games for EWU. The Eagles are 3-0 at home, however, and led No. 8 Gonzaga with under eight minutes to play before taking a 75-65 loss on Dec. 19. Eagles guard Rodney Stuckey established a school freshman record with 34 points in the loss at Boise State. USD has won eight of its last nine but hasn't played since defeating New Mexico on Dec. 22.

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# Toreros look good going into WCC play

**By Hank Wesch**  
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USD's men's basketball team starts the new year by ending the nonconference portion of its schedule, facing Eastern Washington today in Cheney, Wash.

The 9-3 Toreros are off to their best start since 1998-99, when they entered West Coast Conference play with an identical record.

A victory over the 5-7 Eagles today would make the Toreros only the third USD team to post a double-digit win total before conference play. It would also make this the most accomplished early-season group in coach Brad Holland's 12 seasons.

Expectations have been greatly exceeded by a team that was the preseason seventh-place pick by league coaches. This was a team that had projected starter Floyd North opt to forgo his senior season and lost two of its five returnees with NCAA Division I experience — Michael Shepherd and Michael Hubbard — for the season to injury.

"It has been great that we've been able to do what we have after losing veteran players like that," Holland said earlier this week. "The wild card was how our young, inexperienced players were going to perform. They've been able to gain a lot of experience, and they've been productive."

Redshirt freshman Gyno Pomare and true freshman Ray Murdock are starters alongside seniors Nick Lewis and Corey Belser and junior Ross DeRogatis.

There has been no significant dropoff in efficiency or productivity when Holland spells starters with true freshmen Brandon Johnson and Danny Brown or junior transfers Theo White and Nir Cohen.

And the strategic flexibility afforded Holland of using the nine in a variety of combinations has been a major contributing factor in the success.

"We felt good about the recruiting class coming in, but you really don't know until you start working with them," Holland said. "We were able to win a few games on the road early. We've learned to win a few different ways, and winning begets a winning attitude."

The play of the veterans has also made it possible for the newcomers to acclimate while focusing on specific roles, entirely free of any pressure to carry the team.

Lewis is second in the WCC in free-throw percentage, third in scoring (19.5), third in field-goal percentage and fourth in blocked shots. Belser, renowned as a defensive stopper, leads the conference in three-point shooting percentage (49.0) and is fifth in rebounding (7.2 per game). DeRogatis is second in the conference in assists per game at 5.7.

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## Lifting the Curse

By TOM SHANAHAN  
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Maybe, just maybe, San Diego basketball's Curse of the Bamboozler has been lifted.

The sport hasn't been this much fun to watch in our town since Irv Levin brought the Buffalo Braves here reborn as the San Diego Clippers for the 1978-79 season. That first year the Clippers were 43-39 with World B. Free, Swen Nater, Randy Smith and Kermit Washington.

Those were fun times at the old Sports Arena. The Clippers averaged nearly 10,000 fans a game -- a respectable number in the NBA's pre-Magic Johnson/Larry Bird/Michael Jordan days.

But then Levin sold the team to Donald T. Sterling -- the bamboozler -- prior to the 1982 season. Sterling proceeded to run the franchise into the ground as prelude to using excuse of low attendance to hijack the team and move it to Los Angeles for the 1985 season.

But look around San Diego basketball these days.

San Diego State, an NCAA team in 2002 and NIT entry in 2003, and the University of San Diego, an NCAA team in 2003, are within reach of returns to the postseason.

Both schools play in beautiful facilities -- SDSU's Cox Arena and USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Or as Bill Walton, San Diego's Mr. Basketball, would say, "Basketball cathedrals." When Duke's No. 2-ranked women's team played at USD last month, Duke coach Gail Goestenkors -- Coach G -- said the JCP reminded the Blue Devils of Duke's venerable Cameron Indoor Stadium.

SDSU, which won last week at Utah for the first time since 1982 and beat UNLV Saturday to exorcise last year's collapse against the Rebels, is tied for first place in the Mountain West Conference.

Did you see that decisive follow-up dunk that SDSU's Marcus Slaughter put down after a missed shot against UNLV at Cox Arena? I'm used to seeing other teams beat the Aztecs that way.

USD stumbled in its West Coast Conference openers, but the Toreros went 10-3 during the non-conference schedule.

Did you see USD's Nick Lewis score 29 points when the Toreros beat Fresno State in the Toreros' half of the second annual San Diego Slam at Cox Arena last month? That was a big-time performance.

Have you looked around at the new breed of high school players coming out of San Diego?

La Costa Canyon's Chase Budinger, a 6-foot-7 forward bound for Arizona, is ranked the No. 1 prospect in California and 10th best

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TOM SHANAHAN



Credit: Ernie Anderson/SDSU

**San Diego State's Marcus Slaughter is an NBA prospect who has helped raise the sport in town.**

senior in the nation. And Hoover point guard JayDee Luster and Crawford forward Tyrone Shelley are ranked among the top 25 juniors in the nation.

All three played games Monday in the Martin Luther King Shootout, a triple-header at Hoover's gym. I don't know when San Diego assembled more local prep talent under one roof.

Budinger also is a strong candidate to be named to the McDonald's All-American High School All-Star game that will be played March 29 at Cox Arena. Greg Oden, the No. 1 high school player in the nation from Indianapolis Lawrence North High, calls Budinger a great player he hopes to play with in the McDonald's game.

Budinger is leaving town for the Pac-10 and Arizona, but SDSU and USD are both keeping local talent home.

The Aztecs' Mohamed Abukar, a 6-foot-10 junior forward from Rancho Bernardo High, transferred home after a wayward trip to Florida. He's one of those explosive big men we usually only see in San Diego on TV.

SDSU's Richie Williams, a true freshman from Steele Canyon High, is a 5-9 point guard who makes players around him better.

USD's Gyno Pomare is a redshirt freshman 6-7 center from El Camino High with a Bill Russell-like wingspan.

Players like Abukar, Williams and Pomare have been coming out of San Diego for a long time. But they didn't stay home.

Even if SDSU and USD earn postseason berths far from San Diego, the NCAA tournament is still coming to town. The NCAA awarded San Diego a sub-regional this year after SDSU staged a successful sub-regional in 2001. The NCAA liked how San Diegans filled the seats for games with schools that didn't bring many fans with them. At other sub-regionals empty seats show up on TV.

Some people will tell you San Diego is a bad basketball town, but they don't know about the Curse of the Bamboozler.

If Irv Levin had sold the Clippers to an owner who wanted to stay in town, building a new basketball arena in the late 1980s or early 1990s would have been a political wrangling warm-up to what John Moores and the Padres weathered to open Petco Park in 2004 and the Chargers and the Spanos Family are enduring now to approve plans for a new football stadium.

San Diego sports fans, then and now, only come out to see a winner. The Clippers didn't win here because Sterling sabotaged them. At long last, with SDSU and USD on the rise, the Curse of the Bamboozler may be lifting.

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## Invitational has some of best from area, state

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Host Riverside King will play LA Price in today's featured game.

11:42 PM PST on Sunday, January 15, 2006

By ERIC-PAUL JOHNSON / The Press-Enterprise

Several of the top boys basketball teams in Southern California will be on the same floor on the same day as the Martin Luther King Jr. Inland Invitational takes place today at Riverside King.

"The interest grows every year," King coach Tim Sweeney Jr. said. "I believe it has become one of the best one-day showcases out there."

The fifth installment of the event features two teams in the state rankings and four in The Press-Enterprise large schools rankings.

Moreno Valley Rancho Verde picked up one of its biggest wins of the season at last year's event when it defeated Las Vegas Bishop Gorman, the top-ranked team in Nevada at the time. The Mustangs (10-7) face an equally tough challenge today when they face Santa Margarita (16-2), which was No. 11 in the most recent state rankings.

Rancho Verde is led by guards Germaine Mims, Dudley Ewell Jr. and John Brooks. Santa Margarita is led by UCLA-bound forward James Keefe and forward Mychel Thompson, son of former Laker Mychal Thompson.

San Bernardino San Gorgonio (13-4) also will try to take down one of the state's top teams when it faces No. 12 Chino Hills Ayala (14-1).

San Gorgonio, the No. 10 team in the P-E rankings, is led by center Andrew Jenkins and guards Anthony Dandy and Alex Jacobs. Ayala is led by guard Darren Moore and center Josh Miller, who have signed with Northern Colorado and University of San Diego, respectively.

San Bernardino Cajon (11-6), No. 9 in the P-E rankings, continues its brutal non-league schedule when it faces Bishop Gorman (15-4). Cajon is led by point guard James Simmons, last year's San Bernardino area player of the year. Bishop Gorman is led by its stand-out guard, Lawrence Marcus, who has signed with UNLV.

Lake Elsinore Temescal Canyon (15-1) and its high-scoring duo of Bryan Byrd and Shane Hanson will take on Etiwanda (12-5). Temescal Canyon has won 12 straight and is the top team in the P-E rankings.

The featured game of the night pits host King (11-5) against small school powerhouse Los Angeles Price (15-5). King, No. 6 in the P-E rankings, is led by guards Rashad Bias and Carlon Brown. Price is led by 6-foot-10 center Terron Sutton.

## USD rally falls short against Santa Clara

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The USD women's basketball team overcame a seemingly insurmountable lead against Santa Clara but couldn't avoid a 67-63 loss to the Broncos yesterday in West Coast Conference play at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

A 10-point halftime deficit for the Toreros (7-13, 2-5) grew to 20 in the first 3:19 before USD responded with a run of its own, ignited by freshmen Kelly Winther, Kaila Mangrum and Kiva Herman.

The Toreros eventually took a 57-56 lead at 5:40 on a three- pointer by Winther, but Santa Clara (11-9, 5-2) outscored USD 11-6 in the game's final minutes.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed with the loss," head coach Cindy Fisher said, "but I'm excited with the play of that young group. That freshman class was unreal today."

Winther matched her career high with 17 points, while Mangrum led the team with six rebounds to go with eight points on 3-of-4 shooting. Herman put on a show with her athletic rebounding, pulling down five rebounds in just 12 minutes of play. SDSU falls to Wyoming

A solid first half and career effort by sophomore forward Erin Jackson weren't enough to carry the Aztecs over Wyoming, which dealt SDSU a 64-53 loss in Mountain West Conference play at Cox Arena.

"(Wyoming) switching to a zone (in the second half) kind of took us out of our pace because we were going inside," said Jackson, who scored 16 points to go with seven rebounds.

The zone contributed to SDSU's 21 turnovers, six more than the Cowgirls (14-4, 4-3), as well as the Aztecs' second-half shooting woes, when they hit just 8-of-28 (28.6 percent). SDSU (3-15, 0-8) did out-rebound Wyoming 37-30.

Aztecs senior Michelle Strawberry added 12 points, while sophomore Shanna Demus had nine points and a team-high nine rebounds. -- NICOLE VARGAS

### Women's Top 25

NO. 18 NEW MEXICO 60, UNLV 47:

Katie Montgomery made a season-high five three-pointers and scored 21 points to help No. 18 New Mexico (16-4, 6-1 MWC) extend its conference homecourt winning streak to 31 straight.

NO. 20 BYU 70, COLO. STATE 54:

Dani Kubik scored 15 points and Ambrosia Anderson added 14 to lead host BYU to its ninth straight win.

NO. 5 UCONN 84, NO. 12 DEPAUL 75:

Barbara Turner had 24 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead the Huskies, snapping DePaul's 33-game home winning streak. Charde Houston (San Diego High) added 16 points for UConn (19-2, 8- 0 Big East), which has won seven in a row and 13 of 14. Khara Smith had 24 points and 12 rebounds for DePaul (18-3, 5-3).



NO. 9 BAYLOR 90, KANSAS 40:

Sophia Young scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and five other Lady Bears reached double figures in their homecourt romp.

NO. 10 RUTGERS 65, GEORGETOWN 51:

Cappie Pondexter scored 24 points and Essence Carson added 13 to lead visiting Rutgers to its 15th straight Big East win.

NO. 13 OKLAHOMA 81, TEXAS A&M 72:

Freshman Courtney Paris scored 18 points and Chelsi Welch and Britney Brown added 16 apiece to lead Oklahoma on the road.

NO. 19 ARIZ. ST. 67, WASHINGTON 61:

Amy Denson scored 18 points off the bench, including a one-handed leaper with 44 seconds left for visiting Arizona State.

S. FLA. 68, NO. 21 NOTRE DAME 64 (OT):

Ezria Parsons hit a three-pointer with two seconds left to force overtime, then Jessica Jackson hit a key three-pointer for South Florida, which handed the host Irish (12-7, 3-5 Big East) their sixth loss in nine games.

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## Toreros get first WCC home win

By Nicole Vargas  
STAFF WRITER

Eager to distance itself from a tough road trip and an untimely illness to a key player, the USD women's

**Toreros**  
**70**

**Saint Mary's**  
**58**

basketball team collected its first home win of the West Coast Conference season, 70-58 over Saint Mary's at Jenny Craig Pavilion last night.

"It was really important for us to come together and get a win," freshman post Kaila Mangrum said. "We needed that."

Without the relief of reserve point guard Amanda Rego, who was recently diagnosed with mononucleosis, USD (7-12, 2-4) not only got stellar efforts from seniors Tiara Harris and Polly Dong, but saw Mangrum shine in her first start.

Harris, one of four Toreros to score in double-figures, put in a career-high 27 points without sitting a single minute, while Dong scored 10 points to go with six assists and four steals in 39 minutes.

USD's total was the most scored in the WCC on Saint Mary's (8-11, 3-3), which was allowing a WCC-best 60.7 points per game.

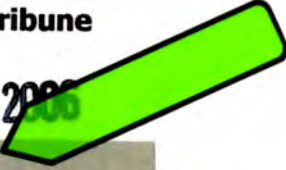
Playing a career-high 35 minutes against a sizable Gaels frontcourt, the 5-foot-10 Mangrum collected her first career double-double, putting in 12 points to go with 11 rebounds.

"I felt like we had to go big," said USD head coach Cindy Fisher, who started Mangrum with center Sabine Loewe, who scored 11. "A 5-10 post getting those kinds of boards, that's pure heart, will and determination."

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**Women: USD  
vs. Saint Mary's**

**When:** Tonight, 7

**Where:** Jenny Craig Pavilion

**Records:** USD 6-12, 1-4 WCC;  
Saint Mary's 8-10, 3-2

**Web site:** [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Outlook:** USD is coming off a disappointing trip to the Pacific Northwest. Senior Tiara Harris continues to pace the Toreros offense, averaging 12.7 ppg, good for third in the West Coast Conference.

— NICOLE VARSAS

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**LOCAL WOMEN**

# Aztecs, Toreros both fall

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Nancy Seljaas scored 15 points to lead No. 23 BYU to a 64-39 win over San Diego State yesterday in Provo, Utah.

Mallary Gillespie added 13 points for BYU (15-1, 5-0 Mountain West). Erin Jackson and Michelle Strickland each scored 10 points. SDSU (3-13, 0-6).

## Other games

The USD women (6-12, 1-4 WCC) fell to host Portland 65-54 despite 16 points from Tiara Harris. Polly Dong added 12 points on 3-of-4 three-point shooting.

Herman coming off bench for San Diego women

Hudson's Bay alumna Kiva Herman has played in 11 of 18 games as a freshman forward for the NCAA Division I University of San Diego women's basketball team.

The 6-0 Herman is averaging 0.5 rebounds and 0.4 points in 5.5 minutes a game for the Toreros (6-12, 1-4 West Coast Conference).

San Diego lost 65-54 Saturday at Portland. Herman had two rebounds and a steal in five minutes against the Pilots.

Dressler lighting it up, but Lutes still struggling

Josh Dressler, a freshman guard from Vancouver who attended Portland Lutheran High, continues to provide points for the Pacific Lutheran men's basketball team in Tacoma.

The 6-1, 194-pounder is averaging 14.1 points in 24.7 minutes a game for the NCAA Division III Lutes (3-14, 2-6 Northwest Conference). He has led the team in scoring in eight of 17 games, including a 20-point performance in a loss last week at George Fox.

He has made a team-high 46 3-pointers, and is shooting 44.4 percent from the field overall.

Fellow Vancouver products Landon Heidenreich and Bryon Decker -- both Skyview graduates -- also are steady contributors for PLU.

Heidenreich, a 6-foot sophomore guard, has started all 15 games he has played and tops the team in assists at 3.8 a contest. He also averages 5.3 points and 2.5 rebounds, and had 17 points and eight assists in a loss Saturday at Lewis & Clark in Portland.

Decker, a 6-2 freshman wing who transferred from Washington State, owns averages of 5.6 points and 2.2 rebounds in 13.8 minutes, mostly as a reserve. He is 16 for 18 at the free-throw line.

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**Women: USD at Portland**

**When:** Today, 2 p.m.

**Where:** Chiles Center

**Records:** USD 6-11, 1-3 WCC, Portland 15, 0-5

**Web site:** [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Series:** Portland, 26-18

**Outlook:** The Pilots have dropped nine straight games and are one loss from tying the school record for consecutive losses, set during the 1990-91 season.

- NICOLE VARGAS

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**JAN 19 2006**

**Women: USD at Gonzaga**

**When:** Tonight, 7.

**Where:** McCarthy Athletic Center.

**Records:** USD 6-10, 1-2 WCC; Gonzaga 7-12, 2-2.

**Webcasts:** [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Series:** USD leads 19-18.

**Outlook:** Coming off Saturday's 85-70 win at Santa Clara - the Toreros' first WCC victory of the year - USD continues its road swing. The Bulldogs are the defending league champions but field a very different team thanks to graduation and injuries. Senior guard Tiara Harris leads the Toreros in road scoring at 11.9 ppg.

- NICOLE VARGAS

**UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO DONS (5-11, 1-2 West Coast)**

**F** - 2 Jennifer Jones, 5-10, Sr., Martinez, CA  
(5.3 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 2.5 apg)

**F** - 13 Nickie Warren, 6-1, Jr., Mill Valley, CA  
(9.7 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 2.3 apg)

**F** - 32 Danae Wellander, 5-10, So., Sonoma, CA  
(7.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 0.9 apg)

**C** - 55 Lisa Olden, 6-2, So., Beaverton, OR  
(5.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 0.4 apg)

**G** - 21 Nykia Peace, 5-8, So., Torrance, CA  
(3.9 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 1.8 apg)

**HEAD COACH:** Mary Hile-Nepfel (University of San Francisco, 1981)

**USF RECORD:** 266-257 (19th year); **CAREER RECORD:** Same

**SERIES:** USF leads 24-13

**HEAD COACH Kelly Graves:** Kelly Graves is in his sixth season as the head coach at Gonzaga University having built the Bulldogs into an annual West Coast Conference contender. After winning just 5 games his first season, Graves guided the Bulldogs to their first regular-season title since 1988 last year when GU posted a 28-4 record and 14-0 mark in the WCC. It was only the second time a school has run the table in the league, Graves was an assistant coach at the University of Portland when the Pilots accomplished the feat in 1997. Graves was named the WBCA Region 8 Coach of the Year and WCC Coach of the Year as Gonzaga ran off a nation's-best 23 game win streak and earned the school's first national ranking. Graves is currently the school's career wins leader with a 87-81 record. He has twice been named the WCC Coach of the Year at Gonzaga (2003 & 2005) and boasts a 153-107 career record including 67-49 in WCC action.

**GONZAGA BACK HOME FOR THREE STRAIGHT:** Gonzaga returns to the friendly confines of the McCarthy Athletic Center for three straight West Coast Conference games as the Bulldogs look for a strong finish to the first half of the conference season. Gonzaga hosts San Diego and San Francisco this week before a visit by Portland on Sunday, Jan. 29. Gonzaga is currently fourth in the WCC standings with a 2-2 record, both wins coming at home. The Bulldogs have won 9 straight home WCC games, the longest home win streak in the league.

**SCOUTING THE TOREROS:** Gonzaga hosts San Diego on Thursday night as the Toreros enter the week on a high note following a road win at Santa Clara last weekend. San Diego holds the all-time series advantage 18-8, but Gonzaga has won the last six meetings between the schools and seven of the last eight. USD is led by senior guard Tiara Harris with 11.9 points per game. USD is shooting 39 percent as a team while being outscored by just under five points a game.



**SCOUTING THE DONS:** Gonzaga faces San Francisco on Saturday night to close out the week with the Dons struggling away from home this season. USF enters the week 0-7 in games outside of Memorial Gym, including a loss at Saint Mary's College last weekend. Dominique Carter, the WCC Freshman of the Year last season, leads the Dons with 12.7 points a game despite coming off the bench the last couple of games. USF leads the all-time series 24-13 and was the last WCC team to beat Gonzaga in Spokane knocking off the Zags during the final game in The Kennel.

**WCC WIN STREAK SNAPPED:** Gonzaga had its 19 game WCC win streak snapped on Thursday night during an overtime loss at Pepperdine. The streak ties with San Francisco as the second longest conference win streak. Portland owns the record with 24 straight wins in late 1990's. Prior to the loss



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**JAN 15 2006**

# Toreros rally for 1st WCC victory

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The University of San Diego women's basketball team overcame a 16 point first-half deficit to beat host Santa Clara 85-70 at the Leavey Center on Saturday afternoon.

## WOMEN

Amanda Rego scored 18 of her 23 points in the second half for the Toreros (6-10, 1-2 West Coast Conference), who were down 47-34 at halftime. Rego also had 10 rebounds and five steals.

Senior guard Tiara Harris led USD with 26 points on 9-of-17 shooting. She made 3-of-4 3-pointers. Ashley Voisinet added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Voisinet's 3-pointer with 10:18 to play in the first half gave USD a 24-22 lead, but the rest of the half belonged to Santa Clara (7-9, 1-2).

But the Toreros bounced back in the second half, outscoring the Broncos 51-33 over the final 20 minutes.

Two free throws by USD's Polly Dong knotted the score at 55-55, then Rego scored eight straight points to give the Toreros a 63-55 lead. Sabine Loewe followed with a layup to give USD a 10-point lead, and the Broncos couldn't make a dent after that.

USD outrebounded Santa Clara 45-35.

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## Double-double to go



BBP Photo / Paul Douglas

**USD point guard Amanda Rego, a Mission Bay High alum, notched a double-double to help lead the Lady Toreros to a come-from-behind 85-70 win at Santa Clara, Jan. 14. Down 47-34 at the half, Rego delivered 18 of her 23 points in the 2nd half. She added 10 rebounds and 5 steals while sinking 3 of 4 three-pointers.**

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# Kennedy, Waves crash down on Toreros

**By Nicole Vargas**  
 STAFF WRITER

Scouting the Pepperdine women's basketball team, USD coach Cindy Fisher knew the Waves were a young team on the verge of a breakout game.

"They have so much talent on that basketball team," Fisher said. "They are extremely athletic. They have shooters, they have penetrators. They have everything."

Yesterday, that breakout game came.

Pepperdine routed the Toreros 84-61 in West Coast Conference play before 555 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

After scoring just five points in Fri-

day's overtime loss at San Francisco, the Waves' fourth in a row, sophomore Daphanie Kennedy was virtually unstoppable against USD (5-10, 0-2). The 5-foot-7 guard from Kearny High scored a team-high 23 points — 17 in the first half — and collected four steals in 34 minutes on the floor.

Kennedy paced a first-half effort that saw Pepperdine (3-11, 1-1) shoot 71.4 percent from the floor and out-rebound the Toreros 20-7 as it built a 55-24 lead going into the break. It was the Waves' biggest first-half lead of the season.

"We just didn't come out ready to play, bottom line," Fisher said. "Our defense was nonexistent in the first half."

Pepperdine's shooting percent cooled dramatically in the second half,

to 23.1. But the Waves shot 48.1 percent overall and made 6-of-8 threes and 26-of-27 free throws, both well above their season averages.

Sabine Loewe led USD with 14 points and 18 rebounds. Freshman Kelly Winther scored 13, her sixth consecutive game in double figures, and freshman Kaila Mangrum had 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

USD was ailing again, with senior Lindsay Helvey making her first start of the season in place of junior Ashley Voisinnet, who sat out resting a sore hip flexor, senior Tiara Harris again playing despite being ill and Amada Rego playing with her injured right elbow heavily taped.

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## Men: USD at Pepperdine

**Site/time:** Firestone Fieldhouse, Malibu / 7 tonight

**TV/Radio:** None/AM-1700

**Web site:** www.usdtoreros.com

**Records:** USD 10-4, 0-1 WCC; Pepperdine 4-9, 0-1

**Series:** Pepperdine, 51-22

**Outlook:** Both teams opened West Coast Conference play with losses on Saturday. A youthful Pepperdine is 3-3 at home this season and has experienced shooting problems there and on the road. The Waves entered WCC play with the lowest field goal percentage in the league (39.5). USD took a league-leading 50.2 percent average to LMU on Saturday and lost despite shooting 50 percent. Pepperdine is led by freshman guard Michael Gerrity (15.9 ppg).

— HANK WESCH

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**Women's college basketball —**  
Pepperdine vs. University of San  
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USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego;  
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# Lions pull away from USD in second half

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A strong second half propelled the Loyola Marymount women's basketball team to a 70-57 victory over the University of San Diego at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

In the West Coast Conference opener for both teams, the Lions (7-7) shot 55.6 percent from the field in the second half while holding the Toreros (5-9) to 29.6 percent.

It was a complete turnaround from the first half when USD shot 44.8 percent and led 32-24 at the intermission.

Kelly Winther led the Toreros with 14 points, her fifth straight game in double digits. Sabine Loewe added 12 points and six rebounds.

Loyola Marymount forward Ashlee Dunlap, a transfer from San Diego State, had 20 points and 15 rebounds. Amanda Decoud added 18 points for the Lions.

**NORTH CAROLINA 102, CLEMSON 61**

■ At Chapel Hill, N.C.: Camille Little

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

scored 16 points and La'Torrela Atkinson added 14 to lead North Carolina (14-0, 3-1) to a 79-59 victory over USC (9-3, 0-1).

### USC 59, ARIZONA ST. 50

■ At Los Angeles: Eshaya Murphy tied a career high with 22 points to lead USC (9-5, 3-2 Pac-10) to an upset of No. 9 Arizona State (12-2, 3-1). The victory was USC's first against a Top 10 team since a win over Stanford on Jan. 25, 2004. Camille LeNoir added 13 points for the Trojans, who snapped a two-game losing streak. Kristen Kovesy scored 11 points for the Sun Devils, who had won nine consecutive games. Arizona State fell a half-game behind first-place Stanford with the loss.

### TEMPLE 77, CHARLOTTE 69

■ At Philadelphia: Lady Comfort had a career-high 18 points and 13 rebounds to lead No. 24 Temple to its 23rd straight Atlantic 10 Conference victory as the Owls (9-3, 1-0) beat Charlotte (8-5, 1-1).

### UCLA 84, ARIZONA 77

■ At Los Angeles: Despite a game-high 22 points from Joy Hollingsworth, Arizona (5-9, 1-3 Pac-10) lost to UCLA (8-6, 3-2).

## NOTES

Stanford men's F **Fred Washington** will have season-ending surgery on his left knee to repair a torn patella tendon. ... Freshman F **DeAaron Williams** has temporarily left Wisconsin for personal reasons.

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**Women: USD  
vs. UC Irvine**

**Site/time:** Jenny Craig  
Pavilion, 7 tonight

**Web site:**  
[www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Records:** USD 4-8, UCI 1-9

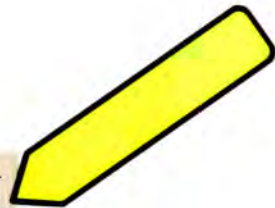
**Outlook:** The Toreros play the last game of their nonconference schedule against the struggling Anteaters. USD is coming off a 119-52 loss to second-ranked Duke on Friday in the final of the Surf 'N Slam Tournament at USD. The Toreros open West Coast Conference play Friday against visiting Loyola Marymount.

— NICOLE VARGAS

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### Winther's freshman season a surprise

By Rhiannon Potkey, [rpotkey@VenturaCountyStar.com](mailto:rpotkey@VenturaCountyStar.com)

January 8, 2006

Before Kelly Winther (Royal) left for school, her friends reminded her they would be coming to all her games.

"You don't have to," the University of San Diego freshman told them. "I am not going to get playing time. I won't even step on the floor."

Being wrong has never felt so right. The 5-foot-10 guard is not only playing, but thriving.

Winther is averaging 8.3 points and 19.5 minutes per game while shooting 41.5 percent from the field.

She was recently an all-tournament selection at the Surf N Slam Classic, and matched her career-high with 17 points in a victory over Montana State.

"I never expected to come in here and make as big an impact as I have so far," said Winther, who has played in all 13 games from off the bench. "Things are going really, really good."

To prepare for the rigors of college basketball, Winther spent the summer running sprints and lifting weights.

But a preseason ankle injury negated some her gains, and the resulting physical therapy added another commitment to an already packed daily schedule.

"Time management was really, really hard for me when I first got here," Winther said. "I would leave the dorm at 7:30 in the morning and not get back until 9:30 at night. It was insane."

At times, Winther became so busy she didn't find time to squeeze in meals.

"I lost like 15 pounds just from not eating and burning so many calories playing," she said. "My mom was really scared and kept telling me, 'Kelly, you need to eat.' But it has gotten easier now that I have found a rhythm."

That extends to the court, where her teammates and coaches call Winther a "spark plug," and rely on her for more than just scoring.

"Coach (Cindy Fisher) wants me to be one of the hounds," Winther said. "A hound is a person who works their butt off to find the player with the ball and stop them and work them all the way up the court."

In the Surf N Slam final, Duke delivered San Diego a 119-52 bruising. Winther led the Toreros in scoring with 10 points, and says playing the second-ranked Blue Devils provided immeasurable benefits.

"It really helped make us better as a team because it exposed our weaknesses. We know what we need to improve upon," she said. "It was definitely a good experience for us."

During the postgame awards ceremony, Winther did a double-take after hearing her name called for the all-tournament team.

"I was like, 'Are you sure? I think you have the wrong person,' " she said. "It was very surprising."




With a dorm overlooking Mission Bay and close-knit teammates she describes as "like family," Winther feels right at home at San Diego.

"It is a small school and I fit in really well," she said. "I love it down here, and I really wouldn't change it."

Around the rim: Senior guard Johnny Gray (Agoura, Moorpark College) scored a career-high 28 points to lead Pacific to a 63-56 victory over Texas A&M. Gray finished 7 of 10 from the field, including 5 of 7 from behind the 3-point line. ... UC San Diego freshman Henry Patterson (Oxnard) scored 17 points in an overtime victory over Grand Canyon University. ... Senior guard Katy O'Brien (Ventura) had 17 points to lead Princeton in a victory over Fairleigh Dickinson. ... Notre Dame senior Courtney LaVere (Buena) entered Big East Conference play needing 20 points to reach the 1,000-career mark.

Season in the books: Florida State running back Lorenzo Booker (St. Bonaventure) finished the season as the Seminoles leading rusher with 592 yards on 112 carries. The 5-foot-11, 187-pound junior also had 35 catches for 260 yards. Booker scored four touchdowns on the ground and one through the air, and his 813 all-purpose yards ranked second on the team. ... Arizona State redshirt freshman quarterback Rudy Carpenter (Westlake) finished the season as the nation's passing-efficiency leader with a 175.0 rating-- the best in school history. Texas quarterback Vince Young had a chance to pass Carpenter in the national championship game at the Rose Bowl, but fell short and finished third with a 163.9 rating. Louisville's Brian Brohm was second (166.7). Carpenter, who is nursing a Grade 2 left shoulder separation suffered in the Insight Bowl, completed 68.4 percent of his passes for 2,273 yards and 17 touchdowns with two interceptions.

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## Prep star: Erica Carlson

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- **The lowdown:** Last November, Carlson cemented her college plans with a signature. Carlson selected the women's basketball program at the University of San Diego over Long Beach State and New Mexico. In addition to the coaching staff and her future teammates, Carlson selected USD for its academics and gorgeous location — it's just a few miles from the beach in the San Diego community of Linda Vista. Before she packs her bags, she must concentrate on graduating from Canyon del Oro. But Carlson should have no trouble; her GPA is over 4.0, which she maintains with a full course load.
  - **Major progress:** Carlson has made huge strides on the court during her four years at Canyon del Oro. She made the freshman team in ninth grade but played sparingly on the varsity during her sophomore season. She blossomed as a junior, and in her final season she is one of Southern Arizona's best.
  - **Take a knee:** During her official visit in October, the University of San Diego threw out the welcome mat. The weekend festivities included a football game and a volleyball match, a tour of haunted houses, and an introduction to the football team. Head coach Jim Harbaugh, a former NFL quarterback, asked to meet Carlson and made sure the entire team greeted her on one knee.
  - **Shoe size:** 13. Carlson has to purchase basketball shoes in the men's section. "I have to special order shoes for prom and formal" dances, she said.
  - **Head and shoulders above the rest:** Carlson is considerably taller than most of her opponents, which has its share of advantages. She easily can block shots and grab rebounds, and because of the constant double-teaming she endures, she is averaging more assists. The only downside is the potential for foul trouble. "The refs think you foul a lot more," she said. "They keep an eye on you."
  - **The road to a college scholarship:** While playing for the Spokane Stars in Washington state last summer, Carlson's stock rose significantly. On the way to finishing second in the nation, the Stars played an aggressive schedule that included tournaments in Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Georgia. And Carlson's competition sometimes was 6 feet 6 inches, which helped to improve her game.
  - **A Tucson teen in Washington:** Carlson was born in the Seattle area, and her father currently lives in the state. She spent last summer living with her father in Spokane, which gave her the opportunity to take part in open gym sessions at nearby Gonzaga. "They are really good and tall," she said of the women's team.
  - **Be aggressive:** Carlson admits to being too nice, an attribute that is most often displayed when she offers homework help and motivation to her teammates. Although it is acceptable off the court, it is not a quality that she wants to exhibit during games. "I am still too nice on the court," she said. "I just have to be more aggressive."
  - **Rim rattler:** Although she frequently touches the rim, Carlson has yet to accomplish a legitimate dunk. "I dunked a piece of paper once," she said.
- She does expect it will happen eventually.
- **Jet-setter:** While living in Saudi Arabia as a child, Carlson and her family traveled extensively. The family visited Egypt, Greece, Thailand, Cyprus and England. "We went all around, but I only remember bits and pieces," she said. "I'd like to go over and do it all again."
  - **To do list:** Before Carlson heads off to college, she wants to earn her driver's license. She has no preference regarding what kind of car she wants but knows exactly what she does not want. "Not a van," she

## West Coast schools lose weather edge

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By Kirk Kenney  
STAFF WRITER

January 30, 2006

San Diego State opens the college baseball season Wednesday in Hawaii. USD starts Friday when it plays host to defending national champion Texas.

- Boys of winter/spring
- Warming to the occasion

One of the beauties of warm-weather areas is that baseball can be played year-round. It's another story in cold-weather areas of the country.

That was illustrated three years ago, when, on Feb. 24, 2003, a storm hit central Ohio and dropped six inches of snow in some areas. A winter blanket covered Bill Davis Stadium, home of the Ohio State baseball team.

A day earlier, out in Tempe, Ariz., the Arizona State baseball team defeated Notre Dame 14-8 under sunny skies. That boosted the Sun Devils to 21-1 on the season. Six more games and ASU would be midway through its regular-season schedule.

Back to the Buckeyes. The snowstorm actually wasn't a problem for Ohio State, which was still two days from its season opener – in Beaumont, Texas. The Buckeyes' first home game wasn't until March 12.

Nothing unusual there.

Big Ten schedules are reflective of many cold-weather schools. Eight of the 10 teams in the conference (Wisconsin dropped its baseball program years ago) don't begin play this season until Feb. 24. All on the road.

Virtually all of the schools wait until late March to play at home. Minnesota is the exception. Why? Because the Golden Gophers play their home games indoors at the Metrodome.

Three years ago, the Big Ten sponsored legislation aimed at addressing this issue. It all came to pass earlier this month, when the NCAA approved a universal start date for baseball, which had been the only college sport without one.

Beginning in 2008, no team will be allowed to play before the last Friday in February. In addition, the first permissible practice date will be Feb. 1. Still up for discussion (in April) is whether to reduce the regular-season schedule from 56 to 52 games to accommodate the tighter timeline.

“Something had to be done,” said Ohio State coach Bob Todd, who served on the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee the past decade.

Of the 293 schools playing Division I baseball, Todd said, “80 percent of them can't get on their fields to even practice, let alone play, until the end of March.”

Cold-weather schools believe this puts them at a competitive disadvantage. They point to the 64-team NCAA regionals to make their point.

Nearly half the teams in the field each year come from just five conferences – the Atlantic Coast, Big 12, Conference USA, Pac-10 and Southeastern – filled with warm-weather schools. Each year more than half of the nation's 30 conferences (most in cold-weather areas such as the Big Ten) place only one school in the tournament, that being the team that earns an automatic berth as conference champion.

The eight teams that advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., each year are typically from warm-weather areas. And Wichita State (in 1989) is the only cold-weather team in the past 40 years to win the national championship.

“It's best for the game to have the whole country involved, and baseball is a regional sport right now,” said Will Kimmey, *Baseball America's* national college baseball writer.

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri, whose 2002 team became the school's first in 45 years to reach the College World Series, is among those who agree.

“For the credibility of the game, it should be where everybody starts the same,” said Mainieri. “I don't think this in any way levels the playing field. It's still skewed to the warmer-weather schools.”

“The proposal falls way short of what schools in the north would like to have seen.”

If the NCAA gets more postseason representation from cold-weather schools it's going to come at the expense of warm-weather schools.

It's just more bad news as far as members of the West Coast and Mountain West conferences are concerned. Even before this, the WCC never had more than two postseason teams. The MWC has never had more than one.

“I'm not really worried so much about the universal start date as I am with what I call the baseball BCS,” said SDSU coach Tony Gwynn. “If you're outside the baseball BCS, you have to play the best schedule possible to have any chance of going to a regional. If you're inside the BCS, your road to the regionals is a lot easier.”

USD coach Rich Hill said he will especially miss the practice time in January between semesters.

“It's just a time to be a ballplayer, and now that's taken away from us,” said Hill. “I'll be in mourning for a while.”

And Hill doesn't think this will benefit anyone, anyway.

“The cold-weather schools aren't making themselves better,” said Hill. “We're making the Sun Belt

schools worse.

“They are trying to level the playing field by taking away opportunity in the Sun Belt, and that doesn't seem right to me.”

Mainieri believes it does create a competitive difference.

“It takes a step toward leveling the playing field by forcing teams to play those midweek games and going deeper into their pitching staffs,” he said.

It also means more lost class time, said Hill, as schools cram more games into fewer weeks.

“How can we call ourselves an institution of higher learning when we play five games a week in some cases?” said Hill. “I think they should cut games. Not just to 52. Cut it to 48. You might not find another coach in the country who will say this, but that's how I feel.”

The Big Ten's original proposal was to move the entire schedule, pushing the start date to the end of March/start of April and the College World Series into July. The school presidents didn't want to extend the calendar into the summer, though.

So a compromise was reached, leaving both sides unhappy.

“They really needed to address this completely, not halfway,” Todd said. “We'll just have to let this play out and see what it does.”

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## Baseball Preprs for Season Opener with Top-Ranked Texas

The No.1 Texas Longhorns come to San Diego for a three-game set this weekend.

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**WHO WHAT WHEN WHERE:** The University of San Diego Torero baseball team, ranked No. 36 nationally by *Collegiate Baseball* in the publication's preseason top 50, opens its 2006 campaign this weekend against the defending national champions, and top-ranked Longhorns of the University of Texas. USD's Cunningham Stadium will be the site of the three-game series. Game one first pitch is scheduled for Friday at 2:00 p.m. (PT).

**BASEBALL NOW A TICKETED SPORT:** USD baseball home games are now a tickets event, effective at the start of the 2006 season. General Admission tickets will available to the general public on the day of each game. USD faculty, staff, and student tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Faculty and staff will be allowed a maximum of two tickets, and students will be allowed one ticket per person. Additional tickets are \$7 per person. Only cash will be accepted, no credit cards, please. All three baseball games against Texas are expected to sell out. Seating will be limited and fans are encouraged to show up early. Tickets will go on sale and be available for pick up 90 minutes prior to each game. Reserved seating is not available.

**TOREROS SCHEDULE RANKED 10TH TOUGHEST:** The San Diego baseball team has the 10th toughest non-conference schedule in the nation, as stated by *BoydWorld.com*. The Toreros, who open their 2006 slate with a three-game home stand against the defending national champions, Texas Longhorns, will play eight games against teams that rank in the top-10 for strength of schedule for all games - No. 4 USC (one game), No. 7 Cal State Northridge (two games), No. 8 UC Riverside (two games) and No. 9 Georgia (three games). Besides Texas, USD will face one other team in non-conference play that appear in *Baseball America's* Top-20, No. 7 Rice (Mar. 14). Other non-conference opponents include UC Davis (three games, Feb. 10-12), Vanderbilt (one game, Feb. 17), Kansas (one game, Feb. 18), UC Irvine (two games, Feb. 21 & Apr. 25), Cal Poly (three games, Mar. 3-5), Washington (two games, Mar. 7-8), San Diego State (four games, Mar. 10-12; May 2nd), Texas Southern (one game, Mar. 15), Houston (three games, Mar. 17-19), and UNLV (three games, Mar. 24-26).

**FABOULAS FRESHMAN:** *Baseball America* came out with its list of Fab 50 Freshmen and the USD Toreros have two players listed in the top-20, Brian Matusz (No. 11) and Josh Romanski (No. 16). San Diego is one of just six schools, and the only Calif. program, to land two players in the top-20 out of the Fab 50 list. USD is joined by Texas, Arizona State, South Carolina, Mississippi and Virginia with multiple players on this list.

◆ Matusz, a 6-4 left-handed pitcher from Cave Creek, Ariz. (St. Mary's HS), was a 2005 4th-round draft pick by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Last year he was named the Arizona Player of the Year and an All-American by *Baseball America*. He finished with an 8-1 record and outstanding 0.50 ERA. During his junior year he was 8-2 overall with a 0.95 ERA, and was tabbed first-team All-State. He is a projected starter this season for the Toreros.

◆ Romanski, a 6-0 left-handed pitcher from Corona, Calif. (Norco HS), was the top high school pick by the San Diego Padres organization. He earned All-State honors at Norco High after recording a 10-1 record with a 0.42 ERA and 130 strikeouts. He is also an offensive threat after batting .510 with eight home runs and 45 RBI during his senior year.

**SCOUTING THE LONGHORNS:** The University of Texas enters this week ranked No. 1 in all the preseason's

top-25 polls and are the defending national champions. Texas, under the guidance of 10th-year head coach Augie Garrido, finished the 2005 campaign with a 56-16 overall record and a record of 16-10 in the Big 12 Conference, good for a third place finish. Texas returns Kyle McCulloch to the mound after he posted an 12-4 record with an ERA of 2.92 and team-leading 99 strikeouts during his sophomore campaign. The Longhorns also return their leading hitter from a year ago in senior shortstop Seth Johnson. In 2005, Johnson hit .378 with a team-leading 115 hits, 20 doubles, nine home runs and 66 RBI.

**TOREROS TABBED SECOND IN WCC:** The Toreros were tabbed to finish second in the West Coast Conference according to the preseason WCC coaches poll. USD received two first place votes and 42 points, with the Waves of Pepperdine University coming in at 48 points and 6 first place votes. Following USD was San Francisco (34 points), LMU (32 points), Gonzaga (26 points), Santa Clara (18 points), Saint Mary's (16 points) and Portland (8 points). Last season the Toreros finished 30-27-1 overall (16-14 in WCC; 2nd place in Coast Division), marking the seventh straight season with 30 or more victories.

**TORERO SKIPPER Rich Hill:** San Diego's Rich Hill has built the USD Toreros into one of the most successful Division I baseball programs on the West Coast. The 2006 spring season will be Hill's 19th year as a head coach at the collegiate level, and eighth at USD, having enjoyed 15 winning seasons in 18 years. Since taking over at USD in 1999, Hill has been remarkable in leading the Toreros to seven consecutive winning campaigns, rewriting the school record book en route to claiming back-to-back West Coast Conference Championship titles in 2002 and 2003. Under his leadership San Diego has averaged 33 wins per season, including winning a school record 39 games in 2002, a year in which Hill was honored by his peers as the West Coast Conference Coach of the Year. Hill became one of the youngest coaches in collegiate history to reach 500 career victories in 2003, taking USD into postseason play for a second consecutive season.

**TOP RETURNERS:** The Toreros will welcome back some huge offensive power in the 2006 season with first-team All-WCC selection Shane Buschini bringing back his 2005 team-leading .352 batting average, 70 hits, 17 doubles, six home runs and 42 RBI. Junior catcher Jordan Abruzzo also makes his return for the Toreros after posting a .279 batting average with 67 hits, 14 doubles and team-leading 10 home runs en route to a second-team All-WCC selection. Keoni Ruth, a 2005 WCC honorable mention honoree, also returns his strong bat to USD's line-up. Ruth was second on the team in hitting last season with a .338 batting average, team-leading 73 hits, had 14 doubles, two home runs and 34 RBI. The final all-conference selection to return to the Toreros is Justin Snyder, a All-WCC honorable mention in 2005. Last season Snyder hit .318 with 57 hits, nine doubles, four home runs and 31 RBI.

**TOP RETURNING PITCHERS:** Returning to the mound for the Toreros is junior Josh Butler, who is projected to be one of the Toreros highest draft picks this season. Butler returns after posting a team-leading 3.42 ERA with a record of 7-7 and was second on the team in strikeouts with two. Butler had one of his strongest months in April and was rewarded for an outstanding month by being selected as the WCC/Rawlings Pitcher of the Month, going 3-1 with a 2.68 ERA, averaging 7.4 innings per start spanning five April appearances. USD also returns sophomore right-hander Matt Couch, a second-team All-WCC selection in 2005. Last season Couch posted a 5-3 record with an ERA of 3.65, third highest on the team, and 41 strikeouts. Couch had an ERA of 2.39 in conference play last season to lead all USD pitchers in conference play. Both Butler and Couch will see action this weekend against top-ranked Texas, with Buler throwing Friday and Couch throwing on Saturday.

**USD RANKED 36th IN PRESEASON POLL:** The 2006 USD baseball team, under the guidance of 8th-year head coach Rich Hill, received some good news with their preseason national ranking of 36th by Collegiate Baseball. Topping the list is Texas, last year's national champs and rounding out the top-five is Florida, Oregon State, Nebraska and Rice.

**WCC FORMAT CHANGE FOR 2006:** The West Coast Conference will change its league baseball format and schedule beginning in 2006. A one-division format will once again be implemented and the eight institutions will compete in a 21-game conference season. This new format is a departure from a two-division format, West and Coast, with a 30-game conference schedule that has been used in the WCC since the beginning of the 1999 season. Under the one-division, 21-game format, each school will play the other seven opponents one time over the course of an eight-week conference season. Each team will play seven three-game series, with one week serving as the bye week. The top two finishing teams will play in the WCC Championship Series with the regular-season champ serving as series' host.

**USD DEFEATS PRO-ALUMNI:** The 2006 USD baseball team overcame a 3-run deficit after the first inning to

hand the Torero Alumni a 6-4 defeat at Cunningham Baseball Stadium. Sophomore leadoff hitter Justin Snyder (El Cajon, CA; El Capitan HS) went 2-for-3 at the plate with a single, 2-run double in the 4th, and 2 runs scored. He scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the 8th inning. Number two hitter Daniel Magness also reached base three times with a single, 2 walks, a run and 1 RBI. Freshman pitcher Brian Matusz, a 6-4 lefty from Cave Creek, Arizona (St. Mary's HS) pitched a perfect 6th inning, striking out the side with all three USD alums looking. Jeb Dougherty led the Alumni, going 3-for-4 with a double, run and 2 RBI.

**2006 GAMETRACKER AVAILABLE:** All San Diego baseball home games can be followed via Gametracker on the Toreros athletic website at [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com). Gametracker is a service of Online College Sports, the official web provider for San Diego athletics, and is a real time update of the action. Selected Gonzaga road games are also available via Gametracker. To see if Gametracker is available for a game go to San Diego Events at the top-right of the home page. If Gametracker is available there will be a Gametracker link.

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Josh Butler will get the nod for Friday's start against Texas.

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## Garrido to appear at H-E-B Hancock Center on Sunday, Jan. 29

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AUSTIN, Texas -- University of Texas head baseball coach Augie Garrido will be on hand to sign autographs for fans from 2-4 p.m. Central at the H-E-B at Hancock Center on Sunday, Jan. 29.

The 2005 National Championship trophy will also be on display from 2-4 p.m. Central at the Hancock Center as H-E-B, an official corporate sponsor of UT Athletics, gives fans a chance to celebrate Texas' national baseball championship trophy to the start of the 2006 season.

The Longhorns will travel to San Diego, Calif., to open their 2006 regular season on Friday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m. Central against the Toreros of the University of San Diego. Following that three-game series, the Longhorns return home to Disch-Falk Field for its home season opener against UT-Pan American at 2:30 p.m. Central on Wednesday, Feb. 8. To purchase tickets, visit [TexasBoxOffice.com](http://TexasBoxOffice.com) or call 800/982-BEVO or 512/475-3333.

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## Baseball earns third preseason No. 1 ranking

01/18/2006 -

AUSTIN, Texas -- After receiving preseason No. 1 rankings from both Collegiate Baseball and Base America earlier this month, The University of Texas baseball team was placed on top of the Nation Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) preseason poll released on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

While the Horns were selected first coming off the Sixth National Championship last year, 2005 runner-up Florida was chosen second followed by Oregon, Rice and Nebraska to round out the top five. Big 12 teams included in the poll's top 30 were Missouri (No. 16) and Oklahoma (No. 28). More information on the poll can be found at NCBWA.

Following the annual Alumni Game/Festival at Disch-Falk Field on Saturday, Jan. 28, the Longhorns will officially open the 2006 regular season on Friday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. Central with the opener of a three-game series at the University of San Diego. Notably, UT's home season opener at Disch-Falk Field is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Central. Fans can purchase tickets for the upcoming season by calling 800-982-BEVO or by logging on to [www.TexasBoxOffice.com](http://www.TexasBoxOffice.com).

## 2006 So Cal Baseball Media Day To Be Broadcast Live On CSTV

Wednesday's event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon featuring baseball coaches and players.

**Jan. 17, 2006**

LOS ANGELES -- College Sports Television and CSTV.com will broadcast the fourth annual College Baseball Media Day from Long Beach on Wednesday (January 18), featuring the head coaches from all 14 schools affiliated with Southern California. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon.

The two-hour show will be broadcast live on the CSTV cable network -- available on cable systems throughout the country, and on Dish and DirecTV satellite TV -- as well as streaming live via broadband over the internet.

USC fans will also be able to use the link on [ustrojans.com](http://ustrojans.com) to watch the press conference.

CSTV, the number one destination for college sports, has taken the lead in covering college baseball as well, producing in-season games since its launch in 2003. Southern California universities annually pepper the national rankings and have combined for 43 College World Series appearances (USC-21, Cal State Fullerton-13, Long Beach State-4, Pepperdine-2, UCLA-2, Loyola Marymount-1) and 19 national championships (USC-12, Cal State Fullerton-4, Pepperdine-1, CS Northridge-2 at D-II).

Head coaches and players from Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, Cal State Northridge, Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara, USC, UCLA, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount, University of San Diego, San Diego State and Pacific will be on hand to field questions from members of the media in a separate event from the televised/online conference that CSTV will carry. That question and answer session will be followed by a catered luncheon.

Products of these schools have included Hall of Famers (such as UCLA's Jackie Robinson, Cal Poly's Ozzie Smith and USC's Tom Seaver) Major League MVPs (Long Beach State's Jason Giambi), Cy Young Award winners (Pepperdine's Mike Scott, USC's Randy Johnson and Barry Zito, who made stops at UC Santa Barbara and USC) and rising stars (such as USC's Mark Prior, LBSU's Bobby Crosby and Cal State Fullerton's Mark Kotsay). In all, more than 150 players from Southern California schools can be found on the professional baseball circuit.

USC opens the 2006 season on Friday (Feb. 3) at Long Beach State in a 6:30 p.m. game at Blair Field before the home opener at Dedeaux Field against the 49ers on Saturday (Feb. 4) at 1 p.m.

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## Baseball Picked Fifth in WCC Baseball Poll

### WCC Baseball Poll Released

Jan. 12, 2006

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.** - The Gonzaga University baseball team was selected to finish fifth by West Coast Conference coaches as the conference office released the preseason poll for baseball.

Pepperdine University received six of the eight first-place votes in the preseason coaches poll to edge out the University of San Diego as the favorite to win the 2006 WCC baseball crown. The University of San Francisco was picked to finish third and Loyola Marymount University who was picked fourth. Following the Bulldogs at No. 6 was Santa Clara University with Saint Mary's College and the University of Portland picked to finish seventh and eighth respectfully.


The Bulldogs will return all but two starters from last season's team including first-team All-WCC selection Scott Campbell, second-team All-WCC selections Darin Holcomb and Bobby Carlson. The Zags will also return all of their starting pitching including All-WCC honorable mentions Patrick Donovan and Josh Monroe.

The Bulldogs will open their 2006 campaign on Feb. 2 as they head to Edinburg, Texas to compete in the Texas Pan America Tournament. GU will open play in the tournament against the host University of Texas Pam America in a 6 p.m. game.

#### 2006 WCC Baseball Preseason Poll

1. Pepperdine - 48 (6)
2. San Diego - 42 (2)
3. San Francisco - 34
4. LMU - 32
5. Gonzaga - 26
6. Santa Clara - 18
7. Saint Mary's - 16
8. Portland - 8

*(First place votes)*

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Bobby Carlson and the Bulldogs open the 2006 season on Feb. 2 against UT Pan America at 6 p.m.

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## Defending champs open season with win

### With only two returning starters, men's tennis overcame nerves and pressure for a victory

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The title defense has gone smoothly, at least after the first match.

The UCLA men's tennis team passed its first test on Friday when they beat the University of San Diego 5-2.

The Bruins won the doubles point and four of the single matches.

It wasn't the result of the match that surprised coach Billy Martin, but it was rather the play of his two returners, Philipp Gruendler and Benjamin Kohlloeffel, who lost their singles matches.

"We did not play our best but it was a first good meet," said Martin. "The team is fairly young and it is good to give new players a chance to play."

San Diego put up a good fight with strong serves but lacked individual strength, claiming only two of the six matches. The highlight of the match for the Toreros came when Pierrick Ysern defeated Kohlloeffel in a tie-break battle between No. 1 singles.

"I was not surprised to see USD play the way they did. I have known Coach Hagedorn for a long time and Ysern showed us today how he reached the national individual final last year." said Martin.

With four of the six starters gone from last year's national championship team, Martin was able to test his new starting line-up and see how his players would respond to their new roles.

"It was great to play today as I did not play a lot last year," said sophomore Jeremy Drean, who won his match in straight sets 6-2, 6-4. "Practice has gone well recently and it is good to be on the line-up for the first meet of the season."

The afternoon started with the doubles matches. No. 1 seeded and the only returning pair of doubles, Kohlloeffel and Gruendler, got off to a slow start making a lot of direct errors which turned into a 3-0 USD lead. The German pair quickly got back on track and won 8-6.

"It is normal to be a bit nervous at the beginning of the season," said Martin. "But they have been playing together for a while and managed to come back."

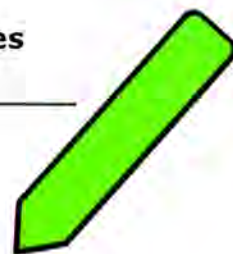
Third-seeded Mathieu Dehaine and Aaron Yovan got off to a quick start, leading their match 5-0. However, San Diego fought back and won the match 9-8.

"They are not used to playing together yet, but I am happy with what I saw today," said Martin.

One pair that found its mark in record time to claim the doubles point consists of new recruits Haythem Abid and Chris Surapol. Although they have only been merely practicing together for days, the players found a way to balance their play and complimenting each other's game.

"Their personalities match well which echoes in the doubles game," explained Martin.

The Tunisian player, Abid, arrived at UCLA merely two weeks ago, but he says to have already found his niche in the team and is glad to be playing here.



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**Doubles trouble for USD**

Both University of San Diego men's tennis doubles teams were bounced from the round of 16 in the 2006 National Collegiate Tennis Classic at Indian Wells.

Virginia's Jarrett Chirico and Doug Stewart beat USD's Pierrick Ysern and Mirza Koristovic by default, while Virginia's Somdev Devvarman and Nick Meythaler downed the Toreros' Thomas Liversage and Oscar Plotnik 9-8.

## No. 17 Cal Hosts No. 64 University of San Diego

Bears start dual-match season 2-0

**Jan. 24, 2006**

**BERKELEY - WHAT'S AHEAD:** The No. 17 California Golden Bears (2-0) host the No. 64 University of San Diego (1-0), Saturday at noon at Hellman Tennis Center. Results will be posted on [www.calbears.com](http://www.calbears.com) following play.

### SCOUTING THE OPPONENT:

**USD:** The USD women's tennis team kicked off its 2006 spring schedule Monday defeating Cal State Fullerton, 7-0. The Toreros, who are led by 22nd-year head coach Sherri Stephens, enter the spring season with a No. 64 national ranking. USD returns three seniors from last year's squad - Emma Murphy, Lauren Perl and Jenny Brown. Murphy, a two-time WCC Player of the Year, enters the 2006 season with a No. 58 singles ranking.

**BEARS SWEEP OPPONENTS:** Cal swept both of its opponents last weekend, defeating Cal Poly, 7-0 and Saint Mary's, 7-0, in the first dual matches of the season. The Bears start the spring season strong at 2-0. In singles action the Bears are 24-9 overall and 9-3 overall on the doubles court.


**14TH-RANKED BABOS:** Sophomore Suzi Babos, who is currently ranked No. 14 in the country in singles, defeated Cal Poly's Samantha Waller, 6-1, 6-0, playing in the No. 2 singles spot. Babos then went on to outlast Saint Mary's Aude Lambert, 6-4, 6-2, playing No. 1 singles. The Sopron, Hungary, native is 4-1 overall in singles action this spring.

**FABULOUS FODOR:** Zsuzsanna Fodor enters the spring with a No. 19 national singles ranking and is currently 4-1 in singles action. Fodor defeated Samantha Waller of Cal Poly, 6-1, 6-0, while playing in the No. 1 singles spot. Fodor also recorded two doubles victories last weekend with freshman teammate Claire Ilcinkas.

**SOLID FRESHMAN:** Freshman Bojana Bobusic, who joins the Bears from Perth, Australia, currently boasts a 4-0 overall singles record and defeated both opponents last weekend in dual-match play. Bobusic also recorded two doubles victories with partner Marion Ravelojaona, while playing in the No. 2 doubles position for the Bears. The duo defeated Carol Erickson and Amanda Varela, 8-2, of Cal Poly and then went on to outlast Stef Ordoveza and Erin Young, 8-4, of Saint Mary's.

**HEAD COACH Jan Brogan:** Head coach Jan Brogan is entering her 28th year at the helm of Cal women's tennis and currently boasts a 503-205 dual-match record. She notched her 500th career win last spring when Cal defeated Mississippi in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Brogan is just the fourth Cal coach to reach the 500-win plateau.

**RANKED BEARS:** As a team Cal earned a No. 17 national ranking, while six Cal singles players are ranked among the top 100 and one doubles team is ranked among the top 10. The following are the 2006 FILA collegiate tennis rankings administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, announced Jan. 10.:

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## Spartan Round Up

### SJSU Sports in brief

**Date:** 1/25/06 **Section:** Sports

#### Women's Gymnastics

The San Jose State University gymnastics team placed in the top three during its quad meets during the week. The team began the new year with a second place finish to North Carolina State University during a meet at Fullerton.

Junior Raylyn Cardeno led the Spartans, earning second place on the vault and seventh on the floor exercise with a score of 9.525, respectively.

The Spartans placed third in a four-way meet against Stanford University, Sacramento State University and Oregon State University on Jan. 15 at Stanford.

During the beam event, sophomore Leah Bigelow tied for third with Cardinal freshman Nicole O'Connell. Sophomore Michelle Minotti scored a 38.150 to finish in second place in the all-around competition at a meet at Texas-Woman's University on Saturday in Denton, Texas.

The Spartans will return to action 7 p.m. on Friday at the Spartan Gym against Cal State Fullerton.

#### Swimming and Diving

The SJSU swimming and diving team finished on top in a dual meet against the University of San Diego State University on Jan. 11 in San Diego.

The Spartans won 10 of 13 events on the day, including both relay events.

Junior Brie Marhenke set a new pool record during the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 23.59 in SJSU's dual meet against Oregon State University on Jan. 21 in Corvallis, Ore.

The University of Washington's Kim Harada set the previous record in 2001 with a time of 23.90.

The Spartans return to action on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Aquatics Center for a meet against University of Oregon.

#### Football

San Jose State University head coach Dick Tomey and four football players took part in 2006 all-star game. Safety Josh Powell played in the East-West Shrine game in San Antonio, Texas. The West team held on for the last few minutes of the game to capture their 43rd win over the East, 35-31.

Head coach Dick Tomey, along with defensive lineman Kinji Green, wide receiver Rufus Skillern and linemen Matt Staples represented San Jose State University at the 2006 Hula Bowl in Honolulu. Tomey was chosen to be one of the assistant coaches for the West team. The West team lost the bowl game, 10-7, to the East.

#### Other news

Nineteen San Jose State University fall student-athletes earned Western Athletic Conference All-Academic honors. To receive the honor, a student-athlete must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and complete at least 75 percent of the team's games during the season.

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Aggie men swimmers in double dual meet

Special to the Eagle

LOS ANGELES - The Texas A&M men's swim team will take on ninth-ranked Southern California and UC-Santa Barbara at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The competition will culminate the Aggies' winter training session, which has seen the A&M swimmers going through two-a-day workouts at the University of San Diego pool.

The Aggies will also compete in the 26th annual UC-Irvine Relays on Sunday at the Anteater Aquatics Complex on the UCI campus. A&M will compete against the host Anteaters, Texas Christian, Cal Poly, Colorado College and Chapman.

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## Bob Page

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## Amaré doesn't want to make hasty return

Paul Coro  
The Arizona Republic  
Jan. 15, 2006 12:00 AM

**Amaré Stoudemire** is ahead of schedule. He is gaining muscle without adding many pounds. He is shooting 50 jump shots a few days a week.

The encouraging updates may have put anticipation of Stoudemire's return in front of the process. Does everybody need to chill a bit?

"Please," Stoudemire said Saturday in affirmation. "We're really just taking our time on this. There's no rush. It's just a matter of time."

That played into Stoudemire's revelation Friday to [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com) that he is about two months from playing in a game. All along, the target was for him to be medically cleared to play after the Feb. 17-19 All-Star break but an ultimate decision would be based on his comfort and the medical staff's evaluations.

"It's just a matter of how I feel, whether it's March or April," Stoudemire said.

**Brian Grant**, a knee recuperation expert, sat by him listening approvingly.

"He showed great discernment with his answers," Grant said. "My dumb butt would've been, 'I'm going to be back.'"

Stoudemire's projection is not much of a departure. The original time frame would have offered three February games at best.

"He's got to get over a lot of hurdles," Suns coach **Mike D'Antoni** said. "We'll just see how he does in the next month or month and a half."

"He's excited and the team's excited but we know we're not going to push it. If we set a date, we don't know. Nobody knows when he's going to come back. He's not going to come back until he's ready."

### A coach's coach

When Cleveland coach **Mike Brown** coached at Mesa Community College, he used to mow longtime Thunderbirds coach **Bob Bennett's** lawn for enough money to buy Top Ramen noodles and a fruit punch.

Bennett gave him more real money, teaching him the game well enough to lead Brown to a coaching career that grew rapidly since he finished playing at University of San Diego and joined Denver as a video coordinator in 1992.

"If I'm successful in this business, there may be a time when I hire him as part of my staff," said Brown, whose defensive reputation is born in Bennett's teachings. "His knowledge about the game, his work ethic and the things he does are off the charts."

Brown recently donated money to refurbish the locker room at Mesa Westwood High, where Bennett is an assistant.

Brown was playing for a West Germany high school when former Arizona State player **Ron Johnson** recommended him to Bennett. Johnson coached a third-division team in Germany and invited Brown to play for him.

"He kind of protected me," Brown said of Johnson.

Brown's 1990 MCC team went undefeated in Arizona but lost at the national tourney. His roommate and teammate, **Bryant Moore**, is now Cleveland's video coordinator.

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### Hard work defines Brown

By Scott Bordow, Tribune Columnist

January 15, 2006

You're 18 years old, living in Germany and playing for a third-division German team. Your teammates are older and not quite as serious about the game. They'll fire up a cigarette at halftime and, win or lose, there's always a few pints drained afterward.

Your coach, Ron Johnson, is a former Arizona State University player. He tells you about a community college in Mesa, Arizona.

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You've never heard of the place. You won't receive a scholarship.

Doesn't matter. It's college basketball, in America.

You pack a couple of bags, say goodbye to your parents and cross the Atlantic. You end up in a tiny, one-bedroom apartment about a mile from the Mesa Community College campus. Your mattress and box springs are on the floor. A lamp rests uneasily on an orange crate. The TV has lousy reception and no color. You don't care. You're here for basketball and nothing else. Your name? Mike Brown. Today, you fly first class, stay in the nicest hotels and tell LeBron James what to do.

It's a suite life, being the coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, but you'll never forget where you came from.

It's who you are.

...

Tom Bennett coached hundreds of players during his 19 years at MCC. That many faces peer up at you in a locker room, and you're bound to forget some.

Brown, however, left a lasting impression.

"I really think he's one of the most committed people I've ever coached," Bennett said. "You better beat him because you're not going to outwork him."

Brown, a starting guard on Bennett's clubs in 1988-89 and 1989-90, was a gym rat. He'd shoot 300 jumpers after every practice. If homework interrupted his routine, he'd return to the gym at night and get his 300 in.

"You know, Coach," Brown once told Bennett, "I feel like if I can shoot 300 every day, I might make one more tomorrow in the game."



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Bennett walked into the gym one Friday night in May to check to see if the locker room showers were working for the track meet that would be held the next day. The basketball season had concluded two months earlier. The gym wasn't air-conditioned. But there was Brown, running up and down the court, working, always working.

"That's not an ordinary person," Bennett said. "But that's Michael."

It didn't take long for the relationship between Bennett and Brown to transcend the normal coach-athlete parameters. They were kindred spirits, each believing that hard work was as important as talent.

Brown would bicycle to Bennett's house and cut his lawn for extra money, "enough to get Top Ramen and the Kool-Aid that comes in a gallon." They'd always talk basketball, of course, and those conversations shaped Brown's view of the game.

"The will to win, the passion to win, the desire to win and most importantly the work ethic it takes for you to try to win ballgames is something I got from him that's off the charts," Brown said.

As sophomores, Brown and backcourt mate Bryant Moomia, the Cavaliers' video coordinator, led MCC to 30 straight wins and a No. 1 national ranking before losing in the nationals to eventual champion Connors.

Brown, 35, transferred to the University of San Diego, where he played two years before embarking on a coaching odyssey that started with the Denver Nuggets and included stops in Washington, San Antonio and Indiana before he became the Cavaliers coach last June.

Along the way, he kept in touch with Bennett and their friendship deepened. Brown recently donated money to Westwood High School — where Bennett's a volunteer assistant — to help renovate the locker room. Bennett went to Saturday's game between the Suns and Cavaliers as Brown's guest.

Brown thinks so much of Bennett he hopes to hire him as an assistant coach some day.

Ask Bennett about Brown, and you can almost hear a father talking proudly about his son.

"Michael is one of a kind," Bennett said. "Since he's been working in the NBA, I don't think there's one time he's come to Phoenix and hasn't called and asked if I wanted a ticket. He doesn't forget people."

Last year, Brown invited his former coach to join him in Indiana for a three day hoops holiday. As always, the bounce of a basketball was the beautiful music they danced to.

"After a game we're driving back to his house and he said, 'Where do you want to eat?' " Bennett recalled. "I said, 'Michael, I don't know any places around here.' We ended up in his family room at, like, 1 a.m. eating cereal and watching game film.

"But we were both happy."

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## Falcons product Haglund had memorable career

Clinton Haglund had a breakout freshman campaign while playing for the Mendocino College football team in 2004. The Ceres Falcons product and Central Catholic High School graduate caught 58 passes for 594 yards and scored four touchdowns en route to earning first-team, all-Bay Valley Conference honors.

He had an even better season as a sophomore.

This year, the 5-foot-8, 155-pound receiver helped guide the Eagles to a share of the BVC championship (3-1) and their first winning season (6-4) since 1999.

Haglund garnered first-team, all-conference honors again. He hauled in 48 passes for 691 yards and scored eight touchdowns in 10 games. Haglund also made the BVC All-Academic Team for obtaining a 3.75 GPA.

"To get all-league two years in a row is great," he said. "I'm definitely pleased. This year, I missed league MVP by a couple of votes."

Said Mendocino College coach Tom Gang: "A lot of people didn't think Clinton would do well with us because he is so small. In my opinion, I think he's a Division I receiver. He runs clean, disciplined routes and he's quick. He catches everything that is thrown his way."

Mendocino College would have extended its season if it won the BVC title outright. Yuba College grabbed a share of the crown and secured a berth bowl by virtue of its 27-7 win over the Eagles on Nov. 12. Haglund had nine catches for 100 yards and one touchdown.

"It hurts," Haglund said. "It would have been great to play one more game. It would have been great to come to the Graffiti Bowl in Modesto. But we couldn't get it rolling. Penalties were hurting us."

Haglund did most of his damage in league this year. In four games, he made 25 receptions for 424 yards and eight touchdowns.

Haglund had a career day in a 56-0 win over College of Marin on Oct. 29. He caught



eight passes for 93 yards and four scores. Haglund had TD receptions of 7, 8, 18 and 28 yards.

“That was all in the first half too,” he said. “I scored the first four touchdowns.”

In a 52-20 win against Contra Costa College on Oct. 22, Haglund had three catches for 112 yards and two touchdowns.

Haglund had five catches for 119 yards and one score in a 19-16 victory over Solano College on Oct. 15.

“I was scoring touchdowns left and right as soon as conference play started,” he said.

Haglund is weighing scholarship offers from several schools. He sent game film and stats to more than 20 colleges.

“I’ve talked to a bunch of coaches,” he said. “Right now it looks like I’ll be going to the University of San Diego or West Texas A&M University. I’m leaning towards West Texas A&M. It’s hard to pass up not having to pay for school.”

West Texas A&M University offered to pay for everything. The campus is located 12 miles south of Amarillo in Canyon, a community of 13,000. The spring semester starts Jan. 19.

The University of San Diego offered to pay for 75 percent of the cost, which is \$40,260 annually. The spring semester begins Jan. 26

“I’ll make my decision after I visit both campuses in the next two weeks,” he said.

Haglund is in a win-win situation.

“West Texas A&M is a big-time Ag school,” said Haglund, an AgBusiness major. “The (football program) runs a spread offense with four wide receivers. I’d fit in perfect.”

West Texas A&M University finished at No. 15 in the final American Football Coaches Association NCAA-II Coaches Poll. The Buffaloes won the Lone Star Conference championship for the first time since 1986. They went 10-1 overall, losing 41-3 to Pittsburg State in the Southwest Regional Semifinal.

“They average 20,000 fans at their games and they got a big bowl stadium,” Haglund said. “It’s top of the line.”

University of San Diego is coached by former Chicago Bears quarterback Jim Harbaugh. He directed the Toreros to a program-best 11-1 record and its first-ever Pioneer Football League title this past season. USD was also the recipient of the 2005 Sports Network Cup, presented to the team that finished as the No. 1 ranked I-AA Mid-Major team in the nation.

“That would be a beautiful place to go and live and play football for two years,” Haglund said.



Posted on: Monday, January 16, 2006

## Prep pass rusher says he's UH-bound

By Stephen Tsai  
Advertiser Staff Writer

A football team's need and a recruit's dream were fulfilled when the University of Hawai'i secured a commitment from defensive end/linebacker Waylon Lolotai of Centaurus High School in Colorado.

"I love the atmosphere, the coaches, everything about the program," Lolotai said. "That's why I picked UH."

Lolotai, who is 6 feet 2 1/2 and 215 pounds, is the son of Tiloi Lolotai, a former All-State lineman at Iolani School. The elder Lolotai, who played at the University of Colorado, is now a firefighter.

"Ever since he was little, he wanted to play for UH," Tiloi Lolotai said. "He wants to experience that island lifestyle. Every time (the Warriors are) on ESPN, we're always looking them up. He loves the team, and he loves the Warrior (mascot) guy beating on the drum."

At Centaurus, Waylon Lolotai played tight end and defensive end. In 2005, he caught seven passes for 186 yards and three touchdowns. He also made 67 tackles, including two sacks. Lolotai is expected to serve as a pass rusher at UH, one of the top needs on the Warriors' wish list.

He said he can run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds, and bench press 185 pounds 21 times.

He also competes in track and field in the 4x200 relay and discus.

The past weekend, he placed seventh in the 215-pound division of a national wrestling tournament in Utah.

In volleyball, he is a starting middle blocker.

Although Lolotai has deep roots in Hawai'i — his father was a high school teammate of Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann — he was raised in Lafayette, Colo., a suburb of Boulder.

Each time after accompanying his parents on trips to Hawai'i, "he always wanted to go back, because of all of the fun we had," Tiloi Lolotai said. "He and his younger sister said, 'Let's move back.' I told him, 'It's not that easy. I have so much invested here.' "

The elder Lolotai said he sent several videotapes of his son's games to the UH coaches. "I guess they liked them," he said.

The elder Lolotai recalled that when he was at Iolani, "I felt like, 'I've got to go away.' Now, when my son told me he wanted to go to UH, I was like, 'Yes. Good, son, good. You need to go.' It's a good excuse for us to go back."

Lolotai will put his commitment in writing on Feb. 1, the first day high school recruits may sign binding national letters of intent.


UH already has received commitments from cornerback Chris "Pacman" Camacho of Citrus College, wideout Carroll Joseph "C.J." Hawthorne of Mississippi Gulf Coast College, defensive end David Veikune of Fresno City College and Campbell High, and safety Stanford Leti and linebacker Quinton Tang of Moanalua High. In addition, three players who committed last year — wideout Rick Taylor of Nease High in Florida, and offensive linemen Brysen Ginlack of Kahuku High and Adrian


Thomas of GyMEA Tech in Australia — enrolled in school last week.

In the meantime, wide receiver Aaron Nichols of Kamehameha Schools is pondering whether to accept a gray-shirt offer from UH. As a gray shirt, Nichols would delay enrolling at UH until January 2007. He then could participate in spring practice in 2007, and still have five years to play four seasons.

"I'm really undecided now," said Nichols, who is scheduled to visit the University of San Diego next week. San Diego competes in Division I-AA.

He said he also has been "in contact" with Boise State.

"This is new for me," Nichols said of the recruiting process. "I'm not experienced. Once my  e over, and I get to see all of the places, I'll make a decision."

Nichols, who is 6 feet 1 and 170 pounds, was named to The Advertiser's All-State second team  high school football.

He said he completed his UH recruiting trip yesterday.

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## Softball Inks Three Players In November's Early Signing Period

High School Seniors from Poway, San Jose, and San Luis Obispo all committed to San Diego's Softball Program

**Jan. 3, 2006**

The University of San Diego softball program signed three high school seniors in the November signing period. Joining the Toreros in the Fall of 2006 are Jennifer Ellenbeck (Poway, California), Micole Woyak (San Jose, California) and Carey Casciola (San Luis Obispo, California).

Ellenbeck is a senior pitcher who hails from local Poway High School who made the Breitbard all-CIF 2nd team and all-CIF coaches selection first team. Woyak is a catcher from Presentation High School, and Casciola is a middle infielder from San Luis Obispo High School.

"I am very excited about this recruiting class. All three student-athletes are talented, versatile and academically sound. I look forward to their positive contributions to our program."

The Toreros gear up for the spring season which is scheduled to begin February 10 at the University of California Riverside softball tournament.

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Head Softball Coach  
Melissa McElvain  
announced three new  
recruits who will  
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**SECTION:** FOOTBALL**LENGTH:** 290 words**HEADLINE:** Adu the yougest U.S. international**BODY:**

Freddy Adu became the youngest player to compete for the United States in soccer on Sunday when he made his international debut during a 0-0 draw with Canada in a friendly.

The 16-year-old received a rapturous welcome from the crowd of 6,077 at the University of San Diego's Torero Stadium when he replaced injured forward Eddie Johnson in the 81st minute.

"I wasn't nervous," Adu said. "I've been waiting for it for a long time, and it finally came. I was very excited."

Adu spent the past two seasons with Major League Soccer's D.C. United, and played for the United States in the FIFA World Youth Championship in June.

"I thought he did fine," United States coach Bruce Arena said. "He wanted the ball at the end of the game, which is good."

However, Adu also picked up his first yellow card in the 85th minute for diving.

"The Canadian team made it difficult on us all night," Arena said. "It was tough to find space on the field. When we weren't able to win the ball and connect with our first pass forward, they were able to get organised and drop nine players behind the ball."

Canadian coach Frank Yallop was upbeat.

"It was a great performance from our side of things," he said. "We've changed our system to a 4-3-3 where we could flood the midfield, and the system allowed us to attack as well as defend."

In fact, Canada went close just after the hour when U.S. goalkeeper Matt Reis was called on to stop Dwayne De Rosario from point-blank range nine meters out.

"I thought we broke well and created some great chances," Yallop said. "As a coach, you can't ask for more."

The match was the first of 10 the United States will play before heading to this year's World Cup in Germany.

They will next play Norway on January 29 in Carson, California

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**SECTION:** SPORTS; Sports Desk; Part D; Pg. 11**LENGTH:** 663 words**HEADLINE:** It's 0-0 Canada for U.S.;  
Americans' effort falls way below World Cup standards in a scoreless tie with their neighbors.**BYLINE:** Grahame L. Jones, Times Staff Writer**BODY:**

Somewhere in Prague this morning, Czech soccer fans were yelling.

In less than six months, the Czech Republic will play the United States at the World Cup in Germany.

Six months, then, is how long the U.S. has to get ready.

On Sunday evening at the **University of San Diego**, the Americans most assuredly did not get it right. In fact, they were booed off the field after a 0-0 tie with Canada in their opening game of 2006.

It might have been a harsh judgment but it was also accurate.

There were some good individual performances, certainly -- most notably from goalkeeper Matt Reis and defender Jimmy Conrad -- but on the whole the U.S. effort was poor and definitely not up to World Cup standards.

Coach Bruce Arena admitted as much. He wasn't even surprised by the frequent breakdowns in a game in which the lowlights included teenager Freddy Adu making his national team debut -- at 16 years 234 days, the youngest for a U.S. player -- and promptly getting a yellow card for faking a foul.

"I think a draw was a fair result," Arena said. "Match fitness is only going to occur by playing games. We need to get a couple of games under our belt to move the players along. I think our first touch was off a little bit tonight, partly due to the field being a little bit bumpy and a little bit slick, and the pressure the Canadian team put on the ball.

"The goal is to be better next week against Norway."

The U.S. plays the Norwegians on Sunday at the Home Depot Center in its second of 10 pre-World Cup games.

Midfielder Landon Donovan was a little more harsh in his assessment of the U.S., which outshot Canada, 10-9, and in no way dominated or even controlled the match.

"For a lot of people, this could be their last chance," Donovan said of players striving to make the U.S. World Cup roster. "It's disappointing. It's hard because it's your first game, but I expect more, frankly. But we'll get better."

Arena's first starting lineup of 2006 featured goalkeeper Reis; defenders Frankie Hejduk, Eddie Pope, Conrad and Heath Pearce; midfielders Ben Olsen, Donovan and Clint Dempsey, and forwards Taylor Twellman, Josh Wolff and Brian Ching.

On paper, it looked offensive. On the field, it was offensive, but in a different sense.

Canada created a couple of good scoring chances in the first 15 minutes, its most glaring miss coming when midfielder Marco Reda headed the ball over the crossbar from close range.

The U.S. countered immediately but also squandered two chances, first when Ching headed a sharp cross from Wolff wide of the left post and then when Twellman skied the ball into the sagebrush behind the Canadian net.

In the 56th minute, Arena took out the ineffective Twellman and sent Eddie Johnson on to liven things up a bit up front. That was the theory, at least.

But Johnson, who sat out most of 2005 because of an injured toe, went down with a bruised right calf in the 79th minute and was replaced by Adu in the 81st minute.

Almost before even touching the ball, Adu received a yellow card from Mexican referee Benito Archundia for diving in the penalty area under the challenge of defender Adam Braz.

Adu said it was all a bit of gamesmanship.

"In that situation, with two minutes left in the game, you go down," he said. "Either the ref gives you a yellow card or he calls a penalty kick. It's one of those things where you put the ref in a tough situation and it's either going to go your way or against you....You get contact in the box and you're off balance, you're going to go down. So why not?"

For the U.S., after Sunday, the only way to go is up.

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Road to Germany

Remaining schedule for the U.S. men's national team before the World Cup:

Jan. 29: vs. Norway at Home Depot Center

\* Feb. 10: vs. Japan at San Francisco

\* Feb. 19: vs. Guatemala at Frisco, Texas

\* March 1: vs. Poland at Kaiserslautern, Germany

\* March 22: vs. Germany at Dortmund, Germany

\* April 12: vs. TBA at U.S.

Note: The U.S. also will play three games in May at home against opponents to be determined.

**GRAPHIC:** PHOTO: HEADLINERS: Jimmy Conrad of the U.S., right, and Rob Friend of Canada take their game to a higher level. PHOTOGRAPHER: K.C. Alfred Reuters

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*U.S. WNT Captain Kristine Lilly Surpasses 300 Caps, Leads WNT to Four Nations Tournament Title;  
MNT to Play Poland in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on March 1*

**USA WINS FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT AS LILLY EARNS 300-PLUS CAPS FOR U.S.:** The U.S. Women's National Team put together a magnificent performance in its final match of the 2006 Four Nations Tournament, defeating host China, 2-0, in front of a crowd of 15,000 to win the title. China finished second, France third and Norway fourth. U.S. captain Kristine Lilly, playing in her 302nd career game, scored both U.S. goals in the first half, pushing her international total to 107 and moving into sole possession of second place on the all-time U.S. goal-scoring list behind Mia Hamm (158 goals). Lilly's 107 career goals also tie her for second on the world's all-time international scoring list for women with Italian legend Elisabetta Vignotto. The win marked the second tournament championship for Ryan after also winning the 2005 Algarve Cup. The U.S. has yet to lose a game under Ryan, who has compiled a record of 10-0-2 since beginning as head coach in March of 2005. The U.S. team swept the awards at the 2006 Four Nations Tournament, not only winning the championship, but Lilly was also named Best Player and was the Top Scorer with three goals. Hope Solo was named Best Goalkeeper and Ryan took the honors as Best Coach. This was the fourth time in five trips to the Four Nations Tournament that the USA has taken top honors, also winning in 1998, 2003 and 2004. The next competition for the U.S. Women's National Team takes place from March 9-15, 2006, at the Algarve Cup in Portugal. The groups, match-ups and U.S. roster will be announced in the near future.

**U.S. WNT Four Nations Tournament Results**

Date	Opponent	Result	U.S. Goal Scorer(s)
Jan. 18	Norway	3-1 W	Lilly, Boxx, Wambach
Jan. 20	France	0-0 T	n/a
Jan. 22	China	2-0 W	Lilly (2)

**2006 Four Nations Tournament Awards**

Best Coach: Greg Ryan, USA  
Best Player: Kristine Lilly, USA  
Top Scorer: Kristine Lilly, USA (3 goals)  
Best Goalkeeper: Hope Solo, USA

**U.S. MNT TO PLAY POLAND ON MARCH 1 IN GERMANY:** The U.S. Men's National Team has scheduled a game against Poland in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on March 1, 2006, in one of the most unique games in the team's 90-year history. The game will be televised live in the United States on ESPN2 at 2 p.m. ET from a city that is home to 50,000 U.S. service personnel in the southwestern part of Germany. The match against Poland is being staged by U.S. Soccer at Fritz-Walter-Stadion, the site of the USA's highly anticipated FIFA World Cup match against Italy on June 17. Tickets for the USA-Poland match ranging in price levels from 15 € to 125 € will go on sale starting Thursday, February 2, at 10 a.m. CET (Central European Time). Tickets will be available on-line via the FC Kaiserslautern website, by phone from Germany at 01 805 3188 00 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CET / .12 € charge per minute), and at FCK Fan Shops and the Fritz-Walter-Stadion Ticket Office (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CET, Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CET). For fans in the United States, log onto [ussoccer.com](http://ussoccer.com) for more information. The match marks the first time in the 472-game history of the U.S. Men's National Team that the squad will play a stand alone friendly on neutral ground.

**U.S. U-20 WNT LOOKS TO SECURE GROUP B IN CONCACAF QUALIFYING:** For the second game in a row, the U.S. Under-20 Women's National Team got goals from four different players as forwards Amy Rodriguez and Kelley O'Hara, and midfielders Allie Long and Amanda Poach each tallied goals in a 4-0 victory over Surinam at the 2006 CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Final Round Qualification Tournament. The USA now needs a win or a tie in its last Group B match against El Salvador on January 23 to secure the group title. It will be the first-ever match for a U.S. women's team against El Salvador at any level. The U.S. team has all but mathematically clinched a spot in the next round, as the young Americans would need to lose by a large margin to El Salvador to miss the all-important semifinals. The two semifinal winners and the winner of the third-place match earn CONCACAF's three berths to the 2006 FIFA U-20 Women's World Championship in Russia. At the conclusion of the first round, the winners and runners-up in each group will earn a place in the event's semifinals on January 25 at Veracruz's Luis Pirata Fuentes Stadium. The third-place play-off game between the two losing semifinalists



will also take place at Luis Pirata Fuentes Stadium, on January 27, before the two finalists meet for the CONCACAF Women's U-20 crown later in the day

#### U.S. U-20 WNT 2006 CONCACAF Qualifying Schedule/Results

Date	Round	Matchup/Result	Time/U.S. Goal Scorer(s)
Jan. 19	Group B	USA 4, Jamaica 1	DiMartino, Rodriguez, Adams, Cheney
Jan. 21	Group B	Surinam 0, USA 4	Rodriguez, O'Hara, Long, Poach
Jan. 23	Group B	USA vs. El Salvador	3:30 p.m. ET
Jan. 25	Semifinals	1st in A vs. 2nd in B	1 p.m. ET
	Semifinals	1st in B vs. 2nd in A	4 p.m. ET
Jan. 27	Third-Place Match	TBD	1 p.m. ET
	Championship Final	TBD	4 p.m. ET

#### U.S. U-20 WNT CONCACAF Qualifying Group B Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	GD
USA	2	0	0	6	8	1	+7
SLV	1	1	0	3	4	3	+1
JAM	1	1	0	3	4	5	-1
SUR	0	2	0	0	0	7	-7

#### U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM UPDATE –

**U.S. OPENS 2006 WITH SCORELESS DRAW AGAINST CANADA:** The U.S. Men's National Team opened their 2006 campaign with a tough 0-0 draw against Canada on Sunday evening at Torero Stadium on the University of San Diego campus. Preparations for the 2006 FIFA World Cup continue next week when the U.S. takes on Norway at The Home Depot Center on Jan. 29, 2006, at 2 p.m. PT live on ESPN2 and Telemundo (tickets). With the lack of goals for either side, the story line of the match turned to two players – Matt Reis and Freddy Adu – who collected their first-ever caps for the U.S. MNT. Reis was solid in his first appearance in the net with the national team, coming up with two saves on the night to become just the eighth 'keeper in U.S. history to earn a shutout in his first cap. Adu, who came on for an injured Eddie Johnson in the 81st minute, became the youngest player to ever take the field with the U.S. MNT at 16 years, 234 days. The U.S. and Canada combined for 19 shots on the night, but neither team really tested the opposing goalkeeper as most of the strikes failed to find their target.

#### U.S. MNT 2006 Schedule

Date	Match	Venue	Kickoff / TV / Result
Jan. 22	USA vs. Canada	Torero Stadium (San Diego, Calif.)	0-0 T
Jan. 29	USA vs. Norway	Home Depot Center (Carson, Calif.)	2 p.m. PT / ESPN2 & Telemundo (live)
Feb. 10	USA vs. Japan	SBC Park (San Francisco, Calif.)	8 p.m. PT / ESPN2 (Telemundo delay)
Feb. 19	USA vs. Guatemala	Pizza Hut Park (Frisco, Texas)	1 p.m. CT / ESPN2 & Telemundo (live)
March 1	USA vs. Poland	Fritz-Walter-Stadion (Kaiserslautern, Germany)	2 p.m. ET / ESPN2 (Telemundo delay)
March 22	Germany vs. USA	Westfalenstadion (Dortmund, Germany)	2 p.m. ET / ESPN2 (Telemundo delay)
April 12	USA vs. TBD	TBD (United States)	TBD
May	Three Homes Games	TBD	TBD
June 12	USA vs. Czech Republic **	FIFA World Cup Stadium Gelsenkirchen	12 p.m. ET / TBD
June 17	Italy vs. USA **	Fritz-Walter-Stadion (Kaiserslautern)	3 p.m. ET / TBD
June 22	Ghana vs. USA **	Frankenstadion (Nuremberg)	10 a.m. ET / TBD

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**U.S. MNT NAMES CARY, N.C., AS PRE-WORLD CUP TRAINING CAMP SITE:** The U.S. Men's National Team has selected SAS Soccer Park in Cary, N.C., as their base training camp prior to the 2006 FIFA World Cup. The team will begin final preparations for Germany on May 9 in Cary, and will train for approximately two weeks at the facility. The team's schedule in Cary has not yet been finalized. The U.S. team used Cary as its base of operations prior to the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Korea/Japan, where the team reached the quarterfinals for the first time in 71 years.

**U.S. TAKES ON NORWAY ON JAN. 29 AT THE HDC:** The U.S. will face Norway at The Home Depot Center on Jan. 29, 2006, at 2 p.m. PT live on ESPN2. Tickets begin at \$20 and are available at ussoccer.com, all Southern California Ticketmaster ticket centers (including Robinson's-May, Warehouse Music and Tower Records), The Home Depot Center ticket office (stadium ticket office is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), and by phone at 213-480-3232. Groups of 15 or more can purchase discounted tickets starting at \$18 by calling U.S. Soccer at 312-528-1290 or downloading a group order form at ussoccer.com.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MNT VS. JAPAN IN SAN FRANCISCO:** Tickets are on sale for the U.S. vs. Japan preparation match for the 2006 FIFA World Cup at SBC Park in San Francisco on Feb. 10, 2006, at 8 p.m. PT. Tickets start at \$22 and are available online at ussoccer.com, at all San Francisco area Tickets.com outlets (including Giants Dugout Stores, Raley's, and Sportsmart) and by phone at 800-225-2277. Groups of 20 or more can purchase tickets through SBC Park by calling 415-972-2000 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.). A limited number of Ultimate Fan Tickets, which include a VIP experience and a personalized U.S. MNT jersey, will be available for this match. For more information, visit ussoccer.com.

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# Canada's men's side earns draw with U.S.

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**SAN DIEGO (CP) - The Canadian men's national team was able to walk away from a two-week training stint in California with their heads held high.**

Canada had an impressive showing on Sunday and earned a well-deserved 0-0 draw with the U.S. in a friendly at the University of San Diego's Torero Stadium.

"We played against a good team that has a lot of offensive ability and pace," said Canadian coach Frank Yallop. "We played the way we should and the players can walk out and hold their heads high."



Canadian Soccer

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Canada played a strong offensive game, showing the results of a two week training camp in Los Angeles and San Diego.

"I thought we had a great performance and got a great result in a foreign country," Yallop said. "We changed our system ... and flooded the midfield to try to spring our forwards wide. It allowed us to attack and defend effectively."

The midfielders controlled the ball well and used the entire field to create scoring chances. They showed patience and took time to find open teammates rather than kick long balls up the field.

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"Frank allows me to be free and play my game," Serieux said. "I went out and did my thing and that's all I wanted. It's too bad we couldn't score, but that's the way it has been."

Serieux and De Rosario's work drew praise from U.S. coach Bruce Arena.

"Number 10 (Serieux) did a good job. He was around the ball all night. De Rosario almost pulled off a couple of plays that won them the game."

The U.S., coming off of its own two-week training camp in Carson, Calif., missed passes and looked confused at

times.

They didn't play like a team heading to the World Cup in a couple months.

"If I'd grade us, I'd say a C," Arena said. "We can't worry about it. We have to remember that it's January and a lot of players have been away from the game for a while."

The Americans' best chance of the game came in the 18th minute when 2005 MLS MVP Taylor Twellman broke down the left flank, crossed into the middle undenied and sailed a point blank shot over the goal.

Canada almost broke the deadlock in the 62nd minute when De Rosario received a cross from Atiba Hutchinson and had his point-blank shot stopped by Reis.

The next minute, De Rosario set up Bernier whose shot just sailed wide of the goal.

Play slowed down midway through the second half thanks to injuries, prompting chants of "Freddy" from the crowd.

The fans' calls were answered when 16-year-old phenom Freddy Adu entered the game in the 81st minute to earn his first international cap. He became the youngest player ever to appear for the U.S. national team by 91 days over Mike Slivinski, who was also 16 when he played against Jamaica in 1991.

"I've been waiting for it for a long time and it finally comes," Adu said. "I was very excited."

Adu immediately made his presence felt by trying to draw a penalty with a fall in the Canadian penalty area. Adu received a yellow for his tactic.

"It's no big deal," he said.

Canada's record against the U.S. is 8-12-9, although it hasn't beaten its CONCACAF rival since 1990.

Canada's next game is a friendly against Austria in Vienna on March 1, while the U.S. takes on Norway in a friendly next Sunday at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

Notes: Will Johnson and Stephen Ademolu replaced Grande and Serieux, respectively, in the second half for Canada's only two substitutions ... Bernier also received a yellow card in the match ... The game featured a San Jose Earthquakes connection as U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan and Canadian midfielder De Rosario were teammates on the MLS Cup championship team coached by then-Earthquakes coach Frank Yallop.

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**GRAPHIC:** GET IT: U.S.'s Eddie Pope (left) controls a header in front of Canada's Rob Friend last night in San Diego.

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### U.S. men pick up World Cup preparation

By Joe Curley, [jcurley@VenturaCountyStar.com](mailto:jcurley@VenturaCountyStar.com)

January 22, 2006



CARSON — Aiming to make some noise this summer at the world's biggest sporting event, the United States men's national soccer team will play its first warmup match today on the placid campus of the University of San Diego.

The U.S. will kickoff its World Cup preparations in a friendly against North American neighbor Canada at Torero Stadium at 5 p.m. on an occasion that perhaps will be overshadowed on the sport's landscape by the pair of NFL conference championship games, yet remembered in the long run.

The match will not be televised. However, the day could develop into a historic one as 16-year-old Freddy Adu could make his much-anticipated debut for the full national team.

Adu, a long shot to make the 23-man squad for the tournament this summer in Germany, has made the trip to San Diego from the team's training camp at the Home Depot Center as part of coach Bruce Arena's 27-man squad.

Arena will decide on his 11 starters and seven reserves this morning.

"Freddy is a big story in the MLS and certainly even on the international scene," said veteran forward Josh Wolff. "Bruce does a good job of bringing guys in that are deserving of opportunities.

"The coaches certainly get to evaluate (Adu) and how he does in these situations."

The match could also see the return of striker Eddie Johnson, who missed much of the previous Major League Soccer season with an injured big toe. A much more central figure to the Americans' immediate hopes than Adu, Johnson has scored eight goals in nine international appearances, including seven strikes in seven World Cup qualifiers.

"I'm happy where I'm at, the toe is holding up well, and I'm just trying to get my form back right now," said Johnson after one training session this month. "I'm doing what I have to do to make a roster spot for this game (today)."

Other players to watch include forward Chris Rolfe of the Chicago Fire and midfielder Clint Dempsey, two young attacking players who have used impressive camps thus far to push for one of the handful of World Cup places that remain up for grabs.

Injuries have limited the progress of several other candidates. L.A. Galaxy fullback Chris Albright had exploratory surgery Monday in Los Angeles to repair a lateral meniscus tear in his left knee.

Arena had already seen defensive midfielder Pablo Mastroeni leave camp with a partially torn quadriceps in his left leg and midfielder Steve Ralston ruled out for the first two warmup matches with a strained right quadriceps.

Canada coach Frank Yallop has put together a squad that includes MLS star Dwayne de Rosario. Canada has trained in Carson since Jan. 8.

"I know the U.S. will be without many of their European-based players, but they still have the ability to put together a very talented domestic-based squad, as was witnessed throughout the World Cup qualifying rounds and the last Gold Cup," said Yallop. "A lot of guys will be keen to show Bruce (Arena) that they are capable of contributing to his World Cup squad, so they will take this game, and the games against Norway and Japan, very seriously."

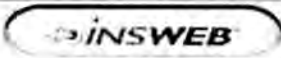
The U.S. will host a young, inexperienced Norway side next Sunday at the Home Depot Center in Carson before traveling to San Francisco to face Japan, a developing team which has drawn a dangerous World Cup group including Brazil, Croatia and Australia, on Feb. 10.

Matches against Guatemala in Dallas, Honduras in Birmingham, Ala., and Germany in Dortmund are also on the horizon.

U.S. Soccer announced this week it will make its final preparations for Germany in a two-week training camp in Cary, N.C., that will begin May 9.

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## Canada looks to set future squad

By VIJAY SETLUR

SAN DIEGO (CP) - Canada will be on the outside looking in during the World Cup in June, but that hasn't stopped the national men's soccer team from having a sense of purpose.

Canada takes on the U.S. on Sunday in an international friendly at Torero Stadium on the campus of the University of San Diego.

The match, which will not be televised, is the first of 2006 for both teams. The U.S. has qualified for the World Cup.

Canada has been training in southern California the last two weeks to evaluate its domestic players and prepare for Sunday's match.

The rare lengthy training camp comes at a critical time for the national team, ranked 84th in the world.

With no qualifying or CONCACAF events this year, head coach Frank Yallop is using the camp, Sunday's game and future friendlies to set the squad that will lead the country into next year's CONCACAF Gold Cup and qualifying for the 2010 World Cup that starts in 2008.

"I've finished seeing every player and believe I've given them a fair crack to play for Canada," said Yallop at a training session at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in nearby Chula Vista.

"My focus is on the squad that will take us to the Gold Cup and get us through the next World Cup qualifying. We're trying to get five more games this year on the international calendar that will help us set the team."

The camp has been a success so far, according to Yallop.

"The guys have been bright and are working very hard," he said. "They want to play for Canada and will give everything they have."

One of the most important questions coming out of the camp is the goalkeeping situation.

Both Greg Sutton and Kenny Stamatopoulos have played well in recent matches and deserve to start, leaving Yallop with a difficult, yet nice problem.

"It gives me a good choice," he said. "Both guys have been playing well and though Lars (Hirschfeld) has been hurt, I'm pretty confident in our goalkeeping."

Sutton is taking the competition in stride.

"This is our first camp together and we have a good relationship," he said. "Kenny is a down-to-earth guy like me and we get along great. Competition is always good."

Another issue is the attack. The forwards in camp, Will Johnson, Rob Friend and Stephen Ademolu, have a total of only six international caps between them.

The inability to finish has plagued Canada over the last decade and it will be intriguing to see how these young strikers fuse with a more talented midfield that features Dwayne de Rosario of the Houston MLS franchise and Julian de Guzman of Deportivo de La Coruna.

De Rosario believes the midfield will be the key to the team's offence.

"We have a creative midfield that can build an attack," he said. "Before, we played a one-ball or long ball system, but now we can work the ball around and bring it up the field."

The roster for Sunday's match includes eight players who represented Canada in its last match which was a 1-0 win over Luxembourg on Nov. 6, 2005.

The Americans will be missing PSV Eindhoven's DaMarcus Beasley and Brian McBride of Fulham, but still have plenty of firepower that will pose a challenge for Canada's backfield.

MLS stars Landon Donovan, Taylor Twellman, Eddie Johnson and Josh Wolff give U.S. coach Bruce Arena an array of offensive options.

"They're a talented team that's going to create scoring chances," Yallop said. "We'll watch the video, but know that they'll come at us wide and through the middle. We played well against them at last year's Gold Cup."

That match was a 2-0 defeat in Seattle last July and another in a string of losses to the eighth-ranked team in the world.

While Canada's all-time record against the U.S. is fairly even at eight wins, 11 losses and eight draws, it has not defeated the Americans since a 1-0 win on May 6, 1990 in Burnaby, B.C.

San Diego is the site of one of Canadian soccer's greatest moments.

Defender Richard Hastings scored a golden goal to stun Mexico 2-1 at Qualcomm Stadium in the quarter-finals of the 2000 Gold Cup.

That goal sent Canada through to the semifinals of the championship, which it ultimately won.

It is this type of clutch scoring at crucial times that eluded Canada during World Cup qualifying.



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U.S. Men's National Soccer Team Visits San Diego

## ***Men's Team Faces Canada In Exhibition Game***

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**SAN DIEGO** -- The U.S. men's soccer team will play Canada in an exhibition game Sunday at the University of San Diego's Torero Stadium.

Tickets for the U.S. national team's first San Diego appearance since March 13, 1999 are priced from \$25-\$90 and are on sale at the university's Jenny Craig Pavilion Box Office, by calling (619) 260-7550 or online at [ussoccer.com](http://ussoccer.com).

The 5 p.m. game will be the first in 2006 for the Americans, as they prepare for the FIFA World Cup, to be held June 9-July 9 in Germany.

"Canada is traditionally a very solid team, and this game will be a good test for our domestic players as we begin the critical process of building a roster for the 2006 World Cup," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "We are looking forward to playing in San Diego, a city with a rich soccer history. It should be an excellent event."

Sunday's game could mark the debut of 16-year-old Freddy Adu with the U.S. national team. Adu has been among 27 players practicing with the team at The Home Depot Center in Carson.

The U.S. is 0-5-1 in its previous four appearances in San Diego, losing to Haiti, 1-0, May 11, 1969; Chile, 3-1, June 3, 1988; Iceland, 2-1, April 24, 1994; Peru, 1-0, Jan. 17, 1997; Mexico, 2-1, March 13, 1999 and tying Paraguay, 2-2, March 14, 1998.

The U.S. is seventh on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Rankings, while Canada is 84th.

The U.S. has an 11-game unbeaten streak against Canada and leads the series, which began in 1925, 11-8-8.

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## Former Orange Stars Make Canadian Roster for Upcoming Friendly Versus U.S.



**Patrice Bernier scored 36 points in 34 career games for SU.**

### Canadian National Team Information

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – Former Syracuse teammates **Gabriel Gervais** and **Patrice Bernier** have been named to Canada's national team roster for its friendly against the United States on Sunday, Jan. 22 in San Diego, Calif. The two former Orange stars were two of 19 players selected by Canadian national team coach Frank Yallop for the match.

Gervais, a two-time captain for the Orange, ranks third on SU's career scoring list with 71 points. He averaged 1.25 points per game during his career, the third-best mark in school history. Gervais competed for the Orange from 1997-1999 and was a two-time All-BIG EAST First Team honoree. He also earned NSCAA All-Region first-team accolades in 1999 and second-team all-region honors in 1998.

Gervais excelled in the classroom as well as on the playing field. He earned academic all-american honors in 1999 and 2000, including first-team recognition in 2000.

Bernier joined Gervais on the NSCAA All-Region First Team in 1999 and was a BIG EAST All-Rookie Team choice in 1998. He scored 16 points in 1998 and tallied 18 points in 1999 for a total of 34 career points. In his two years at SU, Bernier started all 38 games of his career and he ranks seventh all-time in points per game at 0.89.

Both players have past national team experience. Gervais made his debut in 2004 against Barbados and Bernier got his first taste of national team competition in 2003 versus the Czech Republic.

The United States/Canada friendly will be played at Torero Stadium on the campus of the University of San Diego. Kickoff is 8:00 p.m. EST.



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Canada Prepares for USA

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Canada's Men's National Team has been busy preparing for it's first match of 2006 against continental rivals USA with a two-week training camp in the Los Angeles area.

The Canadians will travel on Friday morning to San Diego in advance of their friendly on Sunday, January 22 at the Torero Stadium on the campus of the University of San Diego.



There is no television or radio coverage of the match between Canada and the US but fans can follow the game by accessing US Soccer's Match Tracker at [www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com).

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## MLS players called on by Canada

By Jason Halpin / MLSnet.com Staff

Major League Soccer will be represented on both sides of the Jan. 22 friendly between the United States and Canada, as Canadian national team coach Frank Yallop on Tuesday named two MLS players to his 19-man roster for the match.

Houston midfielder Dwayne De Rosario, who played for Yallop for three seasons and won two MLS Cups when the latter was the head coach of the San Jose Earthquakes, is the most-capped player on the roster. The Scarborough, Ontario native has made 35 appearances for his country and scored seven goals, which is three more than the rest of the roster combined.

Also on the roster is Chicago Fire forward Will Johnson. The 18-year-old -- he'll celebrate his 19th birthday a day before the U.S. match -- is heading into his second MLS season and is currently with the Canadian Under-20 team in Guadalajara, Mexico, competing in the Chivas Cup. Johnson made his first and only senior appearance on Nov. 1 in a 1-0 win against Luxembourg.

"I am looking forward to these two weeks with the squad," Yallop said. "It's not often we get a chance to have two MLS players for an extended training camp prior to a friendly, so from that perspective, this is a welcome opportunity."

The Canadians open training camp at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif., on Jan. 8 and will train there until Jan. 20, when they will travel to San Diego. The friendly against the U.S. will be held at the University of San Diego's Torero Stadium at 5 p.m. PT. The U.S. squad will also train at The Home Depot Center from Jan. 4-20.

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**HEADLINE:** At Border, Fatal Shot Still Rings;  
The U.S. says its agent responded to an assault. But in Mexico, outrage over a father's death leads to demands for an inquiry and justice.

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**BODY:**

From his rickety apartment in the shanty-lined hills of Colonia Libertad, Giovanni Rubio said he witnessed a Border Patrol agent fatally shoot a man who had crossed onto U.S. soil.

"We want him electrocuted, and we want to watch," said Rubio, 22, referring to the agent whose actions sparked an international furor.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, visiting San Diego last week, offered his own take on the increasingly volatile situation on the border: "Anybody who assaults an agent is asking for trouble."

The differing reactions to the shooting on one of the most violence-prone stretches along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico illustrate the deepening cultural gulf between two nations separated by an increasingly fortified frontier.

While Mexican politicians have condemned the shooting and demanded a federal investigation, the U.S. response has been restrained, punctuated by outbursts of tough talk.

"When something tragic like this happens, it's something that Mexico interprets as a human rights violation, and conversely in the U.S., we tend to see this as an issue of the law," said **David Shirk**, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego. "So there's tension between competing notions of fairness and justice."

In Mexico, the Dec. 30 shooting of Guillermo Martinez Rodriguez, 18, topped media coverage all last week -- "Shot in the back," blared one headline -- and prompted President Vicente Fox's administration

to make a formal request for an investigation.

The shooting has prompted analysts on both sides of the border to repeat long-standing criticisms of each country. Mexico, critics say, has failed to provide economic opportunities for its people and hasn't done enough to help the plight of migrants. U.S. policies, say others, have failed to fully address the issues driving illegal immigration.

And though the U.S.-Mexican War of 1846-48 may be a foggy historical fact for many Americans, in Mexico it's an old humiliation that still stings, and border activists have invoked it when demanding justice for Martinez.

"Guillermo Martinez Rodriguez, you will be remembered, my brother, and your name and story will be heard from coast to coast. We demand an end to the genocide of the Latino community by the ... continued militarization of the border," said Enrique Morones, president of the Border Angels, a San Diego-based immigrant rights group.

Amid the rhetoric, an unusual level of cooperation has developed between law enforcement officials in both countries.

On Thursday, Mexican federal authorities handed over two witnesses to state and U.S. federal authorities at the San Ysidro border crossing. The witnesses, one believed to be the dead man's brother, were immediately taken to where the incident occurred.

From the Colonia Libertad neighborhood of Tijuana, residents marveled at the incongruous site of so many black-suited, heavily armed men dirtying their leather shoes on the muddy, garbage-strewn hillsides.

"Everybody is really interested," said one 6-year-old boy outside his tar paper shack.

Since the shooting, Mexican law enforcement agencies have stepped up patrols to discourage crossings and have agreed to erect signs warning people that assaulting U.S. agents is against the law.

On the evening of the incident, the agent, an eight-year veteran, encountered a man who had jumped the first border fence and was holding a ladder near the second, 15-foot wall, according to Border Patrol accounts provided to the San Diego Police Department, which is leading the investigation.

The man appeared to throw a rock, prompting the agent, whose name has not been released, to fire a single shot, police say. Because the wounded man fled back to Mexico, U.S. authorities say they haven't been able to confirm his identity.

Mexican officials said Martinez was taken to a Tijuana hospital and died the next day. He was shot in the back from about 16 feet away, according to the Mexicans' preliminary investigation.

Mexican media have portrayed Martinez as a hard-working father of two who had crossed into the U.S. in search of work.

But Border Patrol officials said Martinez was a smuggler who had been arrested 11 times on suspicion of guiding migrants across the border.

Martinez lived in a tiny apartment in Colonia Libertad, a notorious hub of smuggling activity. The border separating "La Libertad," as locals call it, from San Diego is a heavily contested stretch that is a

microcosm of the larger border enforcement problem.

For residents here, the rusty fence is an ugly, offensive and unnecessary barrier to California, where many people work or have family.

Martinez, many residents say, was a smuggler, but he didn't deserve to be killed for helping people reunite families or realize their dreams.

"It was a rock against a bullet," said Ignacio Montano, 36, a Colonia Libertad resident, who called the agent's actions excessive.

But to Border Patrol agents, Colonia Libertad is a hostile place of hardened criminals, and Martinez's behavior typified the increasingly dangerous tactics used by the area's gang members.

When agents erect cameras, smugglers shoot them down. When agents use pepper ball launchers, gang members fire back with ball-bearing-loaded slingshots. Gang members wear bandannas and dress in layers of clothing, providing extra padding that agents say make the pepper balls ineffective.

When Martinez picked up the rock, agents say, he became a deadly threat. And with assaults against agents reaching record levels, the agent's response was not a surprise.

"We've been warning people," said one longtime border agent who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Now it happens, and everybody's shocked."

Times researcher Cecilia Sanchez in Mexico City contributed to this report.

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