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# **Graduation 2008**



May 26, 2008

**SAN DIEGO**

# Graduation fulfills dream

## Bachelor's degrees awarded at USD

**By Jeanette Steele**  
STAFF WRITER

Against all odds, Claudia Llamas graduated from college yesterday, one of 1,150 who picked up bachelor's degrees at the University of San Diego.

Beaming, Llamas hugged the presenter and so many faculty members as she crossed

the Jenny Craig Pavilion stage that school officials had to halt the photo lineup at the other end, so people wouldn't get out of order.

Despite emigrating from Mexico at 13 speaking no English, Llamas earned a USD scholarship. She worked three jobs as a college freshman and took two trolleys and a bus to get to school each day from her parents' home in Spring Valley.

"It's like a dream come true," said her father, Jose Llamas,

who attended the ceremony with Claudia's family, including her grandmother and aunt from Mexico. "When I come to this country, I was not sure what would happen, but I was pretty sure I would have a future. And now I realize it was the right step."

Claudia Llamas, who became a citizen in 2006, is living the American dream, while her classmate Joseph Edwards is

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**Claudia Llamas of Spring Valley gestured to her family from the stage in the Jenny Craig Pavilion during ceremonies yesterday.** *Howard Lipin / Union-Tribune*



Joseph Edwards, who graduated from USD yesterday, is in the Navy ROTC program and is headed to flight school. Eduardo Contreras / Union-Tribune

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## Grad follows tradition, will serve in military

shouldering the duty of the American tradition.

Edwards, 22, attended USD on a Navy ROTC scholarship, and he heads off to flight school in the fall. Airplanes or helicopters; he's not sure yet what he'll be flying.

Edwards walked across the stage yesterday in a button-down shirt and slacks. But at a commissioning ceremony on campus Friday, he stood in full dress uniform and raised his right hand to pledge service to his country.

A psychology major, Edwards is clear-eyed about what's ahead: possible deployment in a contentious war in Iraq.

"I know right now it's not exactly the most popular topic. Nobody's really for it," Edwards said.

But his grandfather, father, uncle and brother all served,

so this war wasn't going to dissuade him.

"The fact is that we're there, and I feel it's an obligation for us to do what we've got to do. And I'm happy to do it," Edwards said.

Atop a hill in the Linda Vista neighborhood of San Diego, USD is a private Catholic university where tuition is \$16,150 a semester. Graduate students donned cap and gown Saturday, and law students received their diplomas the previous Saturday. Happy graduates blew kisses to family in the crowd and pumped fists in the air as they crossed the stage yesterday. Some were nearly buried under piles of flower leis and multicolored scarves denoting sororities and student groups.

One by one, they paused for a photograph by the school's photographer, holding up the diploma for the shot.

Whether sporting their Sunday best or shorts and flip-flops under that black robe, just about every graduate beamed a smile that spoke of pride, hope and a wide-open future.

"I'm excited," Llamas said after the ceremony. "I've been

### USD GRADUATION BY THE NUMBERS

**1,150:** Bachelor's degrees

**650:** Doctoral and master's degrees

**400:** Law degrees

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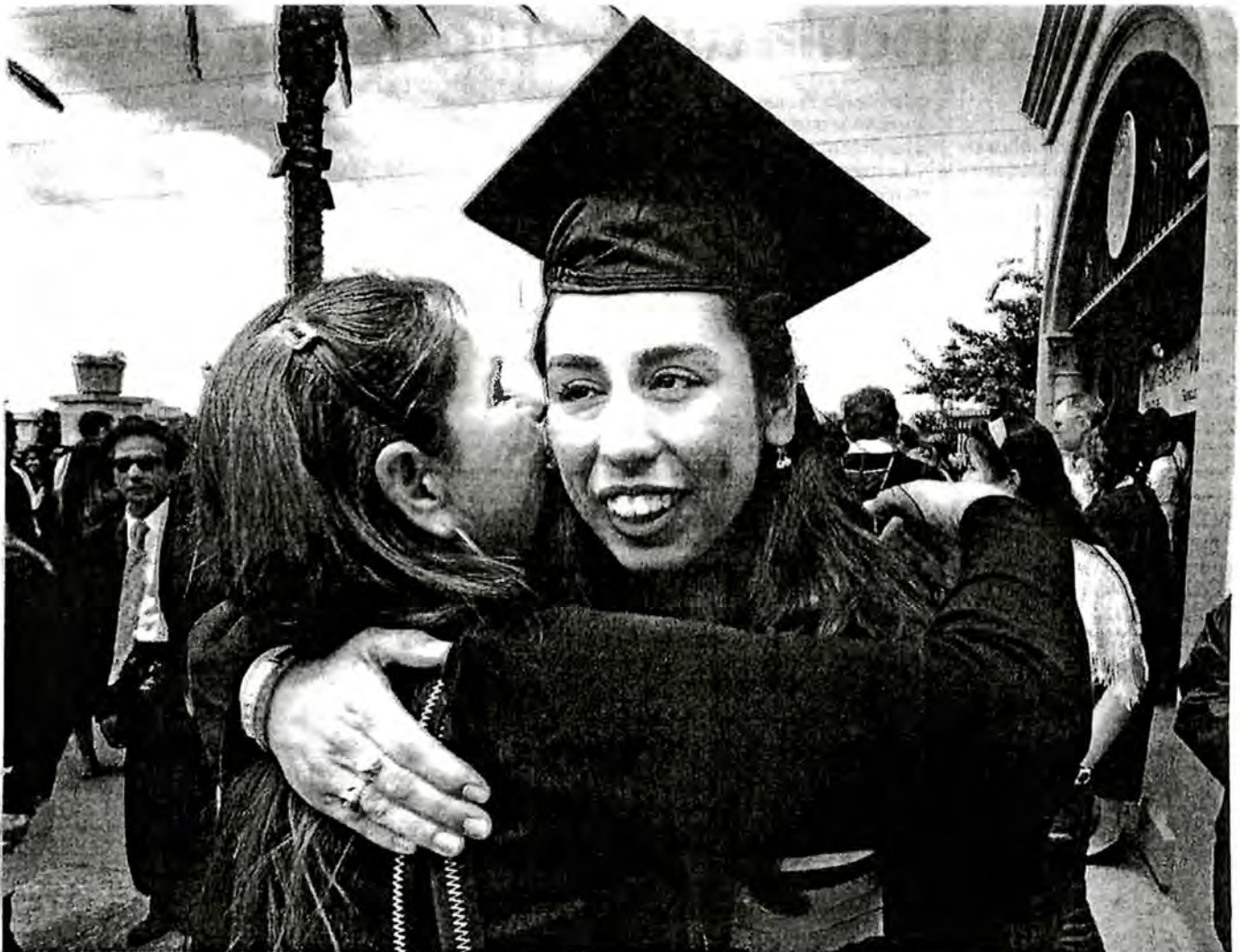


Claudia Llamas got a hug from her mother, Maria Llamas, after graduating yesterday. Howard Lipin / Union-Tribune

very blessed to be here, very fortunate. I didn't do it alone."

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Howard Lipin [Union-Tribune]

Claudia Llamas, de Spring Valley, saludó a su familia desde el escenario del Pabellón Jenny Craig durante las ceremonias de graduación de la Universidad de San Diego el 25 de mayo.

## ‘Un sueño hecho realidad’

Jeanette Steele [Union-Tribune]

Después de una lucha cuesta arriba, Claudia Llamas se recibió de la universidad, una de 1,150 estudiantes que recibieron sus licenciaturas de la Universidad de San Diego.

Sonriente, Llamas abrazó a cuanto profesor se encontró al atravesar el escenario del Pabellón Jenny Craig.

No obstante inmigrar de México a los 13 años sin hablar inglés, Llamas recibió una beca a la universidad.

Tuvo tres empleos simultáneos durante su

primer año y tomaba dos trolleys y un autobús para llegar a la escuela todos los días desde la casa de sus padres en Spring Valley.

“Es como un sueño hecho realidad”, dijo su padre, José Llamas, quien fue a la ceremonia con la familia de Claudia, incluyendo su abuela y tía que vinieron de México.

“Cuando vine a este país, no estaba seguro de qué pasaría pero estaba bastante seguro de que tendría un futuro. Y ahora me doy cuenta de que fue el paso correcto.”

Claudia Llamas se hizo ciudadana en el 2006. Arriba de una colina en el vecindario de Lin-

da Vista en San Diego, la Universidad de San Diego es una escuela católica privada con una colegiatura de 16,150 dólares por semestre.

Los egresados de postgrado tuvieron su ceremonia la semana pasada, y los estudiantes de derecho el sábado anterior.

“Estoy emocionada”, dijo Llamas después de la ceremonia. “He sido muy afortunada de estar aquí. No lo hice sola”.

Ella es una de miles de estudiantes que se habrán recibido de una universidad local para el fin de junio, y que estarán listos para la siguiente etapa de sus vidas.

## Graduation Weekend in San Diego

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Nearly 5,000 students received college degrees Saturday in ceremonies at San Diego State University and the University of San Diego.

Graduation ceremonies began during the morning with about 1,770 students in SDSU's College of Business Administration at Cox Arena.

The 2,481 students in the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts graduated in two groups Saturday afternoon.

Gregory Smith, the San Diego County assessor-recorder and a 1973 graduate of the School of Public Affairs, told the day's final group to stand, locate their parents or spouses in the crowd and "passionately" say "thankyou" to them -- which they did.

Smith, who is a part-time SDSU instructor, gave the graduates several pieces of advice, including finding work any way they can, even if they have to intern first; be respectful and professional at all times; and be willing to take chances, such as moving to a new city.

"Never burn your bridges," Smith said. "You never know when you might have to go back to that boss for a recommendation."

SDSU's education, science and engineering students will graduate Sunday.

About 650 students were awarded Master's and doctoral degrees in ceremonies at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. They came from the College of Arts & Sciences and the schools of business administration, nursing and peace studies.

Bachelor's degrees will be given out Sunday.



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## College Commencement Ceremonies Held Around County

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**SAN DIEGO** – Commencement ceremonies were held Saturday for 1,700 students at California State University San Marcos, and 400 more graduated at the University of San Diego Law School.

The graduating class for Cal State San Marcos included the first seven candidates in a joint doctor in education program with UC San Diego, and 211 master's candidates.

The North County school's first undergraduate degrees in anthropology, mass media and biotechnology were awarded in ceremonies at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Dr. Al Kern, who helped develop the biotechnology program at CSUSM, was given an honorary doctor of science degree by President Karen Haynes.

Kern, the executive vice-president of Mycogen Corp., also helped create the CSUSM Foundation, Haynes said.

The USD law students heard from Thomas P. O'Brien, the U.S. attorney for the central district of California, and a 1993 law alumnus.

Another 1,800 students will graduate next weekend at USD in the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

San Diego State University's commencement ceremonies begin Thursday and run for four days in Cox Arena.

UC San Diego students will graduate on June 21.

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# San Diego Daily Transcript

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## **USD School of Law graduation Saturday**

The University of San Diego School of Law will be holding its graduation ceremony 9 a.m. Saturday at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Thomas P. O'Brien, the U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, will be the commencement speaker. O'Brien is a 1993 graduate of the USD School of Law, where he was an associate editor of the San Diego Law Review and received his degree with honors. He's been a U.S. attorney since October 2007.

As the senior federal law enforcement official in the Central District of California, O'Brien is responsible for all federal criminal investigations and prosecutions, as well as all civil matters involving the United States, in the largest federal district in the country.

The School of Law Mass will be held 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Founders Chapel, while the School of Law awards ceremony will take place 4 p.m. in the Shiley Theatre. Source Code: 20080514czh



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**NROTC San Diego Commissions 37 Navy and Marine Officers**

Story and photos by Officer Candidate Brian P. Seymour  
NROTC Public Affairs

NROTC USD (San Diego, Calif.) - The San Diego Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps commissioned 37 Navy and Marine Corps officers today in a ceremony held at the University of San Diego.

The 29 Ensigns and nine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants have been officer candidates or Midshipmen for as many as four years, acquiring degrees from San Diego-area schools: USD, San Diego State University, University of California San Diego, California State University San Marcos and Point Loma Nazarene University.

Many of them have accepted the commission as fleet returnees, having served for much of their naval career as enlisted personnel in their respective service.

The Commander, Navy Region Southwest, Rear Adm. Len Hering, addressed the new officers before their friends and families at the ceremony by touching on the importance of their efforts during the current global war on terror.

"You will soon be tasked with leading our Sailors and Marines during a time of war," said Hering. "What an enormous responsibility and how blessed we are to have men and women like you who are ready to take it on."

The naval officers were striped and covered as Ensigns by loved ones, whereas the Marine officers received their gold bars, were covered and subsequently presented with the Marine Corps Officer's Mameluke Sword.

Upon receiving their stripes or bars, the Navy and Marine officers received their first salute by a loved one, a close friend, or a shipmate from the fleet.

The San Diego NROTC Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Woolley addressed his newly commissioned officers and extended his appreciation for their families and the role they play in their officers' lives.

"As they go forward to serve our country your support will be even more important," he said. "And I know this will involve tremendous sacrifice on your part. Always know that you are essential to them."

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May 16, 2008

## USD Student Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

University of San Diego senior Pauline Gonzales has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. She is the third USD undergraduate in two years to receive this honor.

Gonzales, who will graduate with honors this spring, has a double major in English and Spanish with a minor in Italian. She also speaks German. Under the Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Program, she will travel to Germany this fall to teach courses in English and American culture to high-school age students.

"I wanted to be in a program where I could teach while improving my language skills and knowledge of German culture," said Gonzales who has been a tutor and coordinator in USD's Writing Center. "I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to continue using the skills that I have learned over the past three years in the center." After her work in Germany, she plans to attend graduate school in literature.

"We are very proud of Pauline," said USD Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Julie Sullivan. "Her outstanding accomplishments in scholarship and service at USD speak to her outstanding character and the high caliber of the university's academic programs," said USD Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Julie Sullivan.

Gonzales was recently elected to the USD chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest undergraduate honors association in the United States. USD received its Phi Beta Kappa charter in 2003 and is one of only 270 chapters nationwide. At USD, Gonzales was also a member of the Alcalá Club where students serve as official hosts during university functions and events.

Gonzales graduated from



*Fulbright scholar, Pauline Gonzales.*

Our Lady of Peace High School in 2004 and is from the South Park neighborhood of San Diego. Her parents are Larry James Gonzales of Lemon Grove and Eugenia Rivera of Golden Hills. She is the granddaughter of James and Margarita Moore of San Diego. She is engaged to Richard John Newsome, a professional skier from England.

Established in 1946, by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, the Fulbright program aims to

increase understanding and goodwill through the exchange of people, knowledge and skills. The program sends approximately 1,300 U.S. students to more than 140 countries annually to lecture and conduct research in a variety of academic and professional settings. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.



May 12, 2008

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May 29, 2008

## Industrial engineer to volunteer for Peace Corps

Brigitte M. Wesslink of Descanso will graduate with honors from the University of San Diego on May 25.

Wesslink, who earned bachelors' degrees in Industrial and Systems Engineering, will graduate summa cum laude. After graduation, she plans to join the Peace Corps. Currently she is nominated to serve in business advising in South or Central America.

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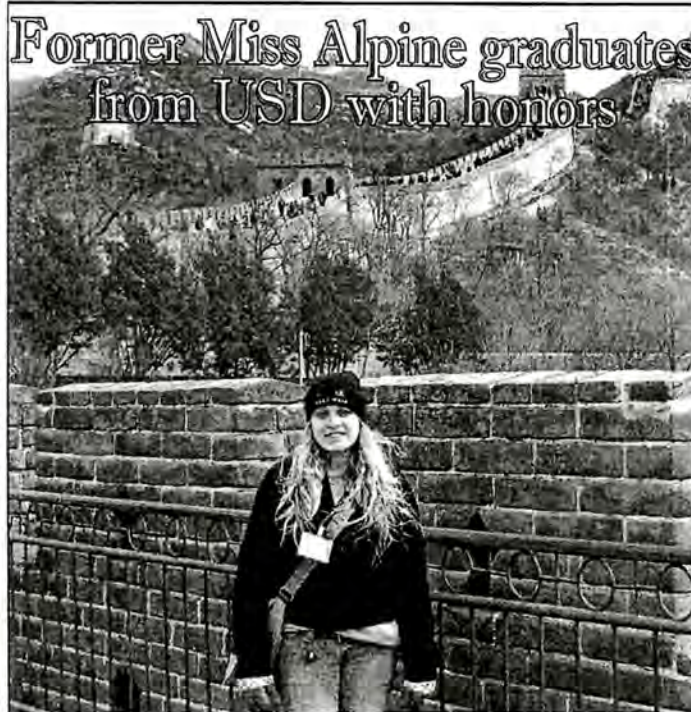
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## Former Miss Alpine graduates from USD with honors



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## Wood River alum trotting the globe

### Brandon Silvia graduates cum laude from USD

by DELLA SENTILLES

Sunday, May 26, was a big day for Brandon Silvia. The Wood River High School alum (class of 2004) graduated cum laude with a degree in business and finance from University of San Diego.

Getting there, however, was not easy. It took a lot of scholarships, a lot of Wood River Valley community support and a lot of hard work. In short, Silvia managed to put himself through a four-year private university and do exceptionally well.

It all began during his senior year at Wood River High School. A smart and successful athlete, Silvia knew he wanted to attend college. Not only did he apply to school after school, but he also filled out a number of scholarship applications.

"I spent countless hours," he said. "At the scholarship banquet, I pulled in 11 scholarships. It was ridiculous."

One of those 11 was the Wood River Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Scholarship Fund.

Another financial contributor was the C.H.A.D. Project. C.H.A.D. is an organization that provides monetary support for determined but financially disadvantaged students.

"C.H.A.D. paid a huge chunk of my school tuition," Silvia said.

In return, Silvia had to keep a GPA of 3.5 or better and do 20 hours of community service each semester.

"Basically, if I keep in good standing then they do the rest," he said.

His latest community endeavor is volunteering for a micro-finance firm in San Diego that supports small business start-ups.



Brandon Silvia

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"It's very cool," Silvia said. "We students are able to just go out there and help. For the first time I could see how my knowledge could help people. It was very exciting to see people get pumped up and to know you are helping them to excel and grow."

While he graduated from the University of San Diego, Silvia began his college career playing football at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. But after a year in the Midwest, Silvia decided he needed a change, and headed West. In his mind, "everything happens for a reason."

Although initially a pre-med student at Capital, Silvia turned his sights to business and finance classes at USD.

"I just excelled in them," he said.

His studies allowed him a semester abroad in Madrid, as well as a three-week class in Hong Kong to study Chinese finance.

Next stop for Silvia is Chicago, where he plans to try his hand at a career in finance.

"I don't like to sit still," he said. "I have this mentality that I'm only young once and right now I have no commitments so I want to go to as many big

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### Fitial returns from US trip



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has just returned from a trip to the United States, where he attended his daughter's graduation ceremony in San Diego, California. Fitial, who returned with his wife and daughter last Wednesday, said attending his daughter's college graduation ceremony was among the most gratifying moments of his life.

"My daughter graduated last Sunday, May 25, from the University of San Diego with a bachelor's degree in English," said Fitial. "She also received top honors in the English department for maintaining a 3.7 grade point average. My wife and I couldn't be happier about our daughter's successful graduation with honors."

Christine Fitial also graduated from high school at the top of her class before attending the University of San Diego, a private Catholic University associated with more than 7,000 students. Christine Fitial graduated from Mount Carmel School, a private Catholic school, where her own father graduated in 1964.

According to the Governor, Christine Fitial plans to continue her studies by pursuing a master's degree in English and a professional degree in law.

While in the U.S., Governor Fitial was also pleased to attend the graduation ceremony for Christine Torres, the first female cadet from Saipan to graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard Service Academy.

"Christine is like my daughter," said Fitial. "She grew up with my daughter and they went to Mount Carmel School together; I was also very happy to attend her graduation at a U.S. service academy."



Torres graduated on May 21, 2008, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government.

"It took me three tries to finally make it into the Academy and, after being active duty enlisted in the Coast Guard and attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School, I knew I was ready for the academic, physical, and emotional challenges that the Academy threw my way. I think graduation is a sign that I battled all three pretty well," said Torres.

Torres urged other CNMI students never to give up on their educational goals: "Never give up. Even a local girl from Saipan can run with the best and brightest students of the U.S. at a Federal Service Academy. If you want something bad enough - in my case, a free college education, a guaranteed career after graduation, and the opportunity to serve the United States as a Coastie - you'll find a way to get it. So go for it."

At the Coast Guard graduation ceremony for Torres, Fitial met Vice President Richard Cheney, who was the keynote speaker for the event.

Fitial also met with U.S. Interior officials during his recent trip and is expected to disclose details of those meetings in the coming week. **(PR)**

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### Nominees

**Mary Lyons, Ph.D.  
President**

**University of San Diego**

Within the last five years, Mary Lyons has been a leader within and board member of several local organizations that foster and support math and science education programs and economic development activity. These include the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Economic Development Corp. and Biocom. Lyons is a mentor to two young USD



**Lyons**

female professors who are doing NSF-supported research on the effect of engineering pedagogy on the persistence of women and people of color in engineering education.


Lyons supports and promotes the participation of women faculty and students in math and science programs at USD. Within the last five years, the departments of engineering, chemistry and biochemistry, biology and marine science have all had female department chairs. Between 45 percent and 50 percent of


USD's graduates in science and engineering are women. In addition, there is no difference in the attrition rates among male and female science and math students at USD.

Within the past year USD was awarded a Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Professorship to fully fund a new female professor in Chemistry and Biochemistry for five years. The CBL Program, which promotes the advancement of women in the sciences, engineering and mathematics, is the largest source of private support for women in these fields. The School of Leadership and Education Sciences has a relatively new graduate program, the Math, Science and Technology Education Master's Program (MSTE). To date, 88 percent of the MSTE candidates/graduates are women. Two 2007 female graduates of the program recently reported that their students' standardized CST test math and science scores have risen dramatically and were second in math and first in science among their district of 42 schools.

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## PROFNET EXPERT ALERTS: 2008 Commencement Speakers

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With the 2008 commencement season approaching, we thought you might find helpful the following list of speakers who will be addressing graduates at 90 of our member institutions:

1. ADELPHI UNIVERSITY: President ROBERT A. SCOTT will deliver the commencement address at the 112th commencement on May 19. The university will award honorary degrees to financial executive Lon Gorman, philanthropist Adele C. Smithers and choreographer Paul Taylor. The ceremony will be held at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. A separate hooding ceremony for doctoral candidates will be held on Sunday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m. at the Garden City campus. News Contact: Kali Chan, [CHAN@adelphi.edu](mailto:CHAN@adelphi.edu) Phone: +1-516-877-4040 Web site: <http://www.adelphi.edu/commencement08> (5/6/08)

2. ALBRIGHT COLLEGE: SALVATORE M. CUTRONA, SR., retired managing partner with Accenture LTD and former chair of Albright's board of trustees, will give the address May 18 in Reading, Pa. News Contact: Barbara Marshall, [bmarshall@alb.edu](mailto:bmarshall@alb.edu) Phone: +1-610-921-7526 (5/6/08)

3. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: The 122nd commencement, scheduled for Sunday, May 11, and Sunday, May 18, will be in the university's Bender Arena, in Washington, D.C. A noted leader in the fields of government and business, VERNON E. JORDAN JR. will speak at 9 a.m. on May 11 during a joint commencement ceremony for graduates of the School of Public Affairs and the Kogod School of Business. He will receive a Doctor of Public Service degree. Jordan is a senior director at Lazard Ltd. and Lazard Group, a financial advisory and asset management firm. National Geographic oceanographer and explorer-in-residence SYLVIA EARLE will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science degree when she addresses the university's College of Arts and Sciences at 1 p.m. on May 11. The author and field research scientist has led more than 60 expeditions and logged more than 6,000 hours underwater, including leading the first team of women aquanauts during the Tektite Project in 1970. KEN PAULSON, one the journalists who founded USA Today, will address graduates of the School of International Affairs and the School of Communication at 4:30 p.m. on May 11. Paulson managed Gannett newsrooms throughout the United States. An early advocate of making newspaper content available online, he is currently the editor of both the print edition and the online companion of USA Today. Paulson will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Graduates of the Washington College of Law will hear from U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice STEPHEN G. BREYER. In 1980, Breyer was appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter as judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, becoming its chief judge in 1990. Breyer will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at a ceremony on May 18. News Contact: Maralee Csellar, [csellar@american.edu](mailto:csellar@american.edu) Phone: +1-202-885-5952 Web site: <http://www.american.edu/media> (5/6/08)

4. ASHLAND UNIVERSITY: Dr. PETER LINNEMAN, principal of Linneman and Associates; Albert Sussman professor of real estate, finance and public policy at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania; and a 1973 Ashland graduate will be the speaker for the commencement ceremony, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 10 on Jones' Terrace in front of Founders Hall. The ceremony will include both undergraduate and graduate students. News Contact: Sam Renfroe,



board of trustees. Considered an expert in U.S. and global economics, global currency, financial markets, and global demographic trends, Froelich will be awarded an honorary doctor of commercial science degree. CHUCK LEAVELL, The Rolling Stones keyboardist, will speak at the May 3, 1:30 p.m. ceremony. A member of both the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Leavell is known for his work with artists such as The Rolling Stones, The Allman Brothers, Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Train and many others. Referred to as "the fifth Rolling Stone," Leavell began recording with the band in 1982. A dedicated and revered conservationist, Leavell wrote his first book on forestry and conservation, "Forever Green: The History and Hope of the American Forest," in 2001. He works to promote sound forestry management practices in America by speaking to environmental and governmental officials in Washington, D.C. Leavell will be awarded an honorary doctor of music degree. DAVID BAKER LEWIS, chairman and CEO of Lewis and Munday, and chair of the company's corporate services practice group, will address the graduates during the May 3, 5 p.m. ceremony. A member of the board of directors for both The Kroger Company and H&R Block, Lewis has specialized in multiple finance for more than 30 years. In the past, he has served on the board of directors for the National Association of Bond Lawyers and is a former chairman of the National Association of Securities Professionals. Lewis is a former assistant professor at the Detroit College of Law. He will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. Ceremonies will be held in Rose Arena. News Contact: Steve Smith, Phone: +1- 989-774-3197 (5/6/08)

11. CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE: Humanitarian and actress MELISSA FITZGERALD will deliver the commencement address on Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at an outdoor ceremony at the college, in Philadelphia. Fitzgerald, best known for her role as Carol Fitzpatrick on the award-winning television series "The West Wing," will receive the Chestnut Hill College Medal. News Contact: Lisa Mixon, [mixonl@chc.edu](mailto:mixonl@chc.edu) Phone: +1-215-753-3664 Web site: <http://www.chc.edu> (5/6/08)

12. COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT: AHNA SKOP, assistant professor of genetics and medical genetics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, will deliver the commencement address on Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m., in the Clemens Field House, Haehn Campus Center. News Contact: Diane Hageman, [dhageman@csbsju.edu](mailto:dhageman@csbsju.edu) Phone: +1-320-363-5748, Cell: +1-320-492-7360 Web sites: <http://www.csbsju.edu/news> and [http://www.csbsju.edu/news/2008/04/csb/csb\\_commencement08.htm](http://www.csbsju.edu/news/2008/04/csb/csb_commencement08.htm) (5/6/08)

13. COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE: St. Kate's board of trustees member and alumna JOAN MITCHELL, CSJ, Ph.D. '62, will be the commencement speaker for graduate and associate graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 17. Mitchell is a theologian and publisher of Good Ground Press in St. Paul. She is the author of "Beyond Fear and Silence: A Feminist Reading of Mark." She holds a baccalaureate degree in English from the College of St. Catherine, a master's degree in American Literature from the University of Iowa, a M.T.S. from the Harvard Divinity School and a doctorate from Luther Seminary. She currently serves on the Leadership Team of Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet community. University of San Diego President MARY LYONS, Ph.D., will address baccalaureate ceremonies Sunday, May 18. Lyons became the president of USD in July 2003 and currently serves as the board chair of the American Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. She has also served as president at the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., and the California Maritime Academy, a campus of the California State University in Vallejo, Calif., as well as an academic dean and professor at the Franciscan School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union, in Berkeley. She holds a doctorate in rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley. Archbishop HARRY J. FLYNN will preside at the baccalaureate Mass and hooding ceremony. News Contact: Julie Michener, [jcmichener@stkate.edu](mailto:jcmichener@stkate.edu) Phone: +1-651-690-6521, After Hours: +1-651- 253-8931 Web site: <http://www.stkate.edu> (5/6/08)

14. COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS: KEVIN M. CAHILL, M.D., a driving force in humanitarian assistance and relief efforts across the globe for more than 45 years and a leading specialist in tropical medicine, will receive an honorary degree from the College of the Holy Cross and address this year's graduates during the college's commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 23, at 10:30

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## One heart's 'Desire'

### ONE-WOMAN SHOW | Heather Raffo riffs on the women of Iraq

May 2, 2008 BY HEDY WEISS Dance Critic

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*"Isn't everything in this country a matter of survival? I don't care if you are with the government or a prisoner of it ... whether you are a soldier, a child, a worker, a minister, a Christian, a Kurd, a dog, a man, whether you are an ugly woman who cannot find a husband or the most beautiful woman whom everybody has to have ... you suffer so deeply."*

#### -- Loyal, the Iraqi painter in Heather Raffo's "Nine Parts of Desire"

It was back in the 1960s that actress-writer Heather Raffo's father, an Iraqi Christian from the city of Mosel, came to the United States to get his master's degree in civil engineering. He had every intention of returning to Iraq, particularly because his nine brothers and sisters, and their vast network of interwoven families, continued to beckon him. Then he fell in love with an American woman, an art teacher, and that more or less sealed the deal. They married, and life began in Michigan.

Heather Raffo was 4 years old when she made her first trip to Iraq to meet her father's family. But it wasn't until her second trip there in 1993, shortly after the first Gulf War (by which time she was 23, had graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and had spent a year traveling alone and working in Europe) that she really got to know the place.

As Raffo recalled: "I was in Turkey, and I called my dad and said: 'I've got to go there.' One of my cousins was in Jordan at the time, so I met him, got my visa, and was secure in having the escort I needed. My journey to Iraq planted a lot of the seeds for my play. It also brought a lot of the seeds in myself to fruition."

The "play" Raffo is referring to is "9 Parts of Desire," her complex weave of nine monologues about a vast cross-section of Iraqi women that she has worked on and performed for five years now. It will have its Chicago debut Saturday at the Museum of Contemporary Art Theatre, a co-production with Evanston's Next Theatre.

"That 1993 trip really awakened the Iraqi characteristics in my spirit," said Raffo, a stunning blond with creamy skin and dramatic features. "It has to do with having a very gregarious family unit – warm, compassionate, strong people who tend to walk around with an ancient consciousness filled with Nebuchadnezzar [the ancient Babylonian king], Saddam Hussein and U.S. soldiers all at once. When I met my relatives, I recognized this and thought: This is why I've always felt a bit odd.

"I didn't speak Arabic, but once I settled in at my uncle's home I became familiar with a lot of loud voices arguing about where I was to stay and whose house I was to have dinner at. Finally my uncle just drew up a grid for visits and became my social secretary. Along the way, I had some long heart-to-heart conversations with the women I met. That is where the play began, though it is definitely not a docudrama."

Raffo knew the arts "were the closest thing to my blood" by middle school. But facing some serious resistance from her parents about making acting her career, she majored in

literature while taking all available theater courses.

"Until this play, I wasn't a writer," Raffo confessed. "It really started in 1998 as I began working on my MFA thesis at the University of San Diego. You had to do a 20-minute one-person show that, ideally, was based on original material. I went back to journals I had kept during my trip to Iraq and began to think of a piece about an Iraqi artist and the women she paints. Very little of what was in that sketch is in the play as it now exists."

"One of the most under-reported aspects of the whole recent history of Iraq is the way the country went from having a solid middle class to becoming an increasingly depleted, more backward society," Raffo said. "In the 1960s and early '70s, there were many highly educated women with good jobs there. Then came the first Gulf war. As the soldiers came home, they started to replace women in the work force. With sanctions, things got worse, and all the conditions for a perfect storm of fundamentalism began coming into place. Out of the growing poverty came a desperateness. And since the invasion, it has just been too dangerous for many women to go out to work."

It was in 2000, after she'd worked as an actress in Off Broadway productions and on the road (playing Lady Macbeth in a tour by The Acting Company), that Raffo decided to pick up the Iraqi material again. Then Sept. 11 happened. And the push to enter Iraq.

"I asked myself: What do Americans want and need to hear now?," said Raffo, who lives in New York with her husband, journalist Matt Wells, who covers the Americas for the BBC. "I also began to get to know more Iraqi-American and Muslim-American artists -- the one positive thing that has emerged from all this."

By 2003, Raffo had a workshop version of "9 Parts of Desire" that she performed in New York. Then it was on to Edinburgh and London, with rewrites after each stop because "not only were the times changing, but I was changing as an actress." The show's big New York debut was in 2005 at the Manhattan Ensemble Theater.

Although Raffo continues to perform her play, she also has licensed it, so other actresses can try their hand.

"Doing a one-woman show can take its toll," said Raffo. "Just ask my husband."

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**Sister of Social Service on Iraqi Refugees and  
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From a little red hen

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**FUGITIVE**

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**She used a pass to walk out of Michigan prison**



Susan LeFevre (left) in her 1970s mugshot and after taking on a new identity as Marie Walsh (right) in a more recent photo.

CARMEL VALLEY

## Former fugitive drawing sympathy

Arrest came after 32 years on the lam

By Tony Manolatos, Kristina Davis and Debbi Farr Baker  
STAFF WRITERS

With an executive for a husband, three grown daughters and spacious home in a community of million-dollar houses, Marie Walsh has a lot in common with her Carmel Valley neighbors.

It's one of the reasons so many people are on her side, in spite of the fugitive's recent arrest.

Walsh is a woman with a past — a big one — and it finally caught up with her last week. The U.S. Marshal's Service busted her 32 years after she walked away from a Michigan prison, where Walsh served

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one year of a 10- to 20-year sentence for selling heroin in 1974.

Her arrest and pending extradition is stirring searing online debates. But more than that, it has awakened eternal questions about crime and punishment.

"This raises a much larger issue for a lot of us — the issue of redemption, and how do we achieve that?" said Larry Hinman, a University of San Diego philosophy professor and renowned ethicist.

Walsh is really Susan Marie LeFevre.

"I really wanted to keep this secret. I can't believe everyone knows this now," LeFevre said yesterday during a phone interview from Las Colinas jail. "I have a very happy life here. I have a wonderful family, and I miss them very much."

Pending a new court ruling, she would have to finish at least six years of her sentence.

"Just because she escaped and evaded capture for 30 years doesn't mean your prison sentence is negated," said Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman Russ Marlan.

The 53-year-old managed to hide her checkered past from her children and her husband, Alan Walsh, an executive at Waste Management.

"I've known my wife, Marie, for 23 years," he said in a statement. "She is a person of the highest integrity and compassion. During that time she's been nothing but a caring and wonderful wife and mother. She has raised three beautiful children and worked hard to build a good life for them, and has dedicated her life to their well-being."

"Her family is now threatened to be destroyed."

Gay Mason, who lives across the street, said, "I don't think anyone feels that it would be useful to society to lock her up back in prison."

LeFevre's legal troubles date to 1974, when she sold about \$200 worth of drugs to an undercover agent. She was 19.

"That was it, the only time I was ever arrested," LeFevre said. "I was promised probation. ... I was a stupid little John Lennon, hippie-ish girl. A pot head."

Michigan authorities called LeFevre a major drug trafficker who ran a heroin operation that earned about \$2,000 a week.

"She was not your average street peddler selling narcotics to an undercover officer," Marlan said. "They thought she was a big player."

Undercover officers bought from her at least twice and a search of her Saginaw apartment turned up \$500 to \$600, paraphernalia for cutting heroin and photos that showed she was acquainted with the "higher-ups" in the Saginaw drug world, Marlan said.

State police believed low-level dealers sold drugs for LeFevre.

She walked away from the Detroit House of Corrections in Plymouth, Mich., on the morning of Feb. 26, 1976, using a pass that allowed her to work at



Marie Walsh, aka Susan LeFevre, talked about her arrest from Las Colinas jail yesterday. Lenny Ignelzi / Associated Press

a clinic, Marlan said.

"There was always a big question as to where she was, but then when this happened, well, it surprises you after all these years," her brother, David LeFevre, of Cass City, Mich., told *The Saginaw News*.

He said the family had heard occasional rumors about where she was but didn't know what to believe.

USD's Hinman said it's easy for people to feel so much empathy for LeFevre.

"It sounds like she's led a good life, maybe even an exemplary life since then, and we feel that should count for something," he said. "And she was young when she committed these crimes ... and what she did is not the same thing as shooting someone or stabbing someone."

"On some level, we want to believe our judgments are accurate because we can all imagine her as one of our neighbors.

And if this is true, what does that say about our judgments about our neighbors? Could we be mistaken about them, too?"

LeFevre's Southern California life began to unravel in late March, when the Michigan Department of Corrections received an anonymous phone call suggesting LeFevre might be in California.

Authorities obtained a copy of Walsh's thumbprint from the California Department of Motor Vehicles and found it matched LeFevre's.

David Burden is the executive director of stopthedrugwar.org, an educational and advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

"I can't blame someone at that age, facing that type of prison sentence, for walking away," he said. "We say these drug laws are there to help the children, but when they turn 18 or 19 we'll throw their lives away for \$600 worth of heroin."



The home of Marie Walsh, aka Susan LeFevre, in Carmel Valley, where she lived with her family until her arrest last week. John Gastaldo / Union-Tribune



May 23, 2008

## Film of FDR, Churchill to debut at farm

*By Kevin Lenihan  
Poughkeepsie Journal*

A rare home movie recorded at a local farm will offer a new look at a historic visit by President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the midst of World War II.

The color film was shot by Henry Morgenthau Jr. at his 1,500-acre farm in East Fishkill in June 1942. Though there is no sound, the movie shows the pair visiting Fishkill Farms, owned by Morgenthau, Roosevelt's U.S. Treasury secretary from 1934-45.

"This is a video that has never been seen by the public before," said Morgenthau's son, Robert Morgenthau.

At the Hyde Park meeting in June 1942, Churchill and Roosevelt agreed to give higher priority to the peripheral strategy than to a cross-channel invasion and agreed to share 'as equal partners' the research needed for the development of the atomic bomb, according to the history department at the University of San Diego.

The public will get the chance to see the DVD for the first time on Saturday as part of a display at the Fishkill Farms store. The 15-minute DVD will play on a loop at the store on the 278-acre farm.

The farm, now under family management, is being reintroduced to the public this weekend after 10 years of outside management, Morgenthau said.

## Royal visit included

The home movies include film shot by Henry Morgenthau Jr. on the campaign trail when Roosevelt ran for governor, footage of the visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Hyde Park in 1939 and the 1932 Olympics.

The 1942 trip to the farm was what sparked by the president's appreciation for the mint juleps the younger Morgenthau made, he said. At the time, the 22-year-old was on leave from the Navy.

Morgenthau, the Manhattan district attorney for more than three decades, said he had been aware of the home movies, but hadn't seen them in years. His sister gave him the movies recently, which he had put on a DVD.

Because the farm is once again under family management, Morgenthau said it seemed an appropriate time to present the historical materials and films to the public.

Bob Clark, supervisory archivist at the Roosevelt library in Hyde Park, hasn't seen the films, but said there aren't too many examples of such materials.

"It's fairly rare," he said of home movies of the president. "It was a fairly new thing to do in the 1930s and '40s."

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## Monday 5

Cinco de Mayo-sets buffet: Mario Escovedo's **MEX** will prop the picante party at Pink Elephant.... Dance-jam acts **G. Love and**

**Special Sauce** and **Taleb Kweli** play full court at USD's Jenny Craig

Pavilion.... Aussie pop-rock litter **Sick**

**Puppies** lay down at 'Canes.... **Lonely H** and **Thunderbird Motel** play the Ché....

**The Heavy** workout at Casbah....

**"Sister Sally Furay Lecture"** Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña examines environment and labor relations at the border and how outcome of upcoming presidential election will affect these issues within the San Diego-Baja California region. 619-260-4166. Monday, May 5, 6 p.m.; University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**USD End-of-Year Concert** Performances by USD music faculty, students, ensembles. Donations requested for Anne Catherine Swanke Memorial Scholarship and Sister Rossi Music Scholarship. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Environment and Labor Relations in the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region"** Annual Sister Sally Furay Lecture presented by California State Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña. Lecture followed by reception (7 p.m.). 619-260-4090. Monday, May 5, 6 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

### Theatre Smash

USD's undergraduate theater program presents an "original theatrical culture collision" inspired by Bertolt Brecht's cabaret. Bill Castellino and David Hay conceived and directed the piece. UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALA PARK, USD. 619-260-4600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 8.

**Chamber Music Concert** USD Chamber Music Ensembles in concert in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6. (LINDA VISTA)

**"The Mermoose of Muskadunk Lake"** Maynard Moose and his "traveling companion" Willy Claffin plans storytelling concert for Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Conference Center. Suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-6363. Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (USD)

### City Works 2008 Reading

Event celebrating student fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction award winners, and the San Diego City Works Press Student Chapbook Winner along with featured local writer Aida Mendez takes place in room B-103. 619-388-3400. Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m.; San Diego City College, C Street and 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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**Student Performance Recital**

USD music students present selections from their semester repertoire. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, May 8. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Unnatural Elements: Digital Audio Art and Electronic Music"**

Contemporary music concert by USD students. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 14. (USD)

**"Powering the Planet with Solar Energy"** Professor Harry Gray from California Institute of Technology examines efficient and economical storage of solar energy in form of chemical bonds (lecture is aimed at non-specialist audience). Professor Gray is described as "a world-renowned chemist." Reception at 3 p.m., lecture at 4 p.m. 619-260-4682. Friday, May 9, 3 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Senior Voice Recital** Soprano Victoria Lund takes stage in French Parlor of Founders Hall to perform pieces by Schubert, Bizet, Handel, Hoiby. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 10. (LINDA VISTA)

**Choral Concert**

USD Choral Scholars and Concert Choir plan concerts. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, May 9. (LINDA VISTA)



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## BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WINNERS TARGET MEXICO

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The following information was released by the University of San Diego:

The University of San Diego's School of Business Administration concluded its inaugural Business Plan competition on May 2, and the big winner, in addition to the USD students who earned a share of \$10,000 in prize money, is Mexico.

A total of 30 graduate and undergraduate teams applied for the competition, but only 16 competed in a preliminary elimination round on April 11. Two graduate student groups and three undergraduate groups advanced to last Friday's finals.

Trevor Tam, Marco Martinez and Joey Hynes created Green City Mexico, the undergraduate division winner. The idea, which netted the group a \$3,000 first-place prize, involves performing beautification services, including landscaping, in Mexico's smaller cities in exchange for 10-year exclusivity contracts for outdoor advertising rights on billboards, bus benches and street sign ads. The plan suggests "cities in Mexico have become the victims of ad pollution and the beauty of a city is now masked by excessive use of ads with little penalty for illegal advertisements."

The pilot city for the business plan is Nogales, a U.S.-Mexico border city in the northern Mexican state of Sonora, which, according to Martinez, has been labeled one of Mexico's "ugliest cities" when it comes to this advertising problem.

"It's a perfect idea," said Tam, Green City Mexico's project manager. "The feasibility of the business has high growth potential." The group said they believe that if their initial work in Nogales is a success that it will create interest from other cities to duplicate it.

Viva Telephonics, the brainchild of Jess Campos, Jose Ignacio Irigoyen and Edmundo Ayarzagotia, earned them the top graduate student division award of \$3,250. The business provides Mexican residents, particularly "bottom of the pyramid" customers, with an alternative to the current pay telephone process. Instead of purchasing a \$5 pre-paid card to make calls, those who can't afford to even spend \$5 on a pre-paid card can use a Viva Telephonics coin-operated phone.

"Mexico is a country full of opportunities," said Irigoyen. "There are so many things you can do in Mexico. We thought the undergraduate idea (Green City Mexico) was great, too. It was something new. They're trying to help the environment, helping the city and leave something that adds value to the smaller towns."

Second and third place honors for undergraduate business plan groups went to NextGenFilters.com and MySports.com.

NextGenFilters.com offered a cost-effective, patented frame to replace a disposable heating ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) filter for HVAC systems in places such as apartments, hotels and restaurants. The USD students in this project - Mitch Ryan, John Callery, Michael Erskine and Brandon Deilgat - earned the second-place prize of \$1,500.

The third-place prize of \$500 went to MySports.com, an online site catering to active individuals who want to connect with like-minded people in their local area. It helps people organize their active sports lifestyle in a convenient way. Brad McCarter, Kyle Chaykowski, Brandon Silvia and Max Giella were the students involved in this project.

In the graduate division, Viva Telephonics edged MyHeya.com, a Web site business developed by students Jim Liu, Sasha Zhang, Ake Sriburi, Irene Lin and Jim Huang. The site, according to its business plan, "is a 'living' social network with

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# Striver's license

**Tom Breitling** uses his entrepreneurial spirit to take his work and life in amazing directions

By **John Wilkens**  
STAFF WRITER



Tom Breitling listened when legendary hotelier Steve Wynn urged him to ditch "The Golden Boys," the book's original title. "He's one of the most creative and imaginative minds Las Vegas has ever seen," Breitling said. "And he was right."

For Tom Breitling, it started with an \$8 sandwich.

He was a student at the University of San Diego in the fall of 1989, out for lunch with Tim Poster, a friend of a friend. They were at Sardina's, an Italian place near campus. Breitling eyed the veal parmigiana, silently calculating whether he could afford it.

Poster somehow seemed to understand the financial dilemma. "Let me get this one," he said.

In Breitling's retelling, a foundation of trust was poured then and there, solid enough to build on. They eventually became business partners, struck it rich twice — once in the dot-com boom, then

with the Golden Nugget casino in Las Vegas — and starred in their own reality TV show.

Breitling returned to USD recently, something of a conquering hero at age 38. He gave a speech called "A \$200 Million Journey." He helped sponsor and judge a business-plan contest between budding entrepreneurs. He signed copies of his recently published book, "Double or Nothing."

"I'm here to tell you," he said, "that anything is possible. Dream big."

Breitling grew up in Burnsville, Minn., the son of an airline pilot and a nurse. He loved sports, and he loved to travel, and the combination brought him to USD, where he majored in communications.

SEE 'DOUBLE,' G2



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## The country's entrepreneurship impresses them

His plan was to be the next Bob Costas.

He got hired after graduation to do the weather at a small station in Victorville. Before long he was the sports anchor. The pay was only \$12,000 a year but he enjoyed the work. He thought maybe he could see ESPN off in the distance.

When he needed an escape, Las Vegas was only a few hours away. His college roommate, Lorenzo Fertitta, lived there, part of the family that owns Station Casinos. It was through Fertitta that Breiting had met Poster.

One day, out of the blue, Poster wanted to see where Breiting grew up. They got on a plane and flew to Minnesota. As Breiting tells the story in his book, they were goofing around on a frozen lake when Poster offered him a partnership in a fledgling business in Vegas.

"It meant giving up my dream," Breiting said. But it also meant being his own boss. He took the job, arriving in Vegas in January 1993 with \$100 in his wallet and little else.

The company, Las Vegas Reservation Systems, got blocks of rooms from hotels at wholesale rates and then sold them to tourists at full price. The hotels were happy — their rooms were booked. The tourists were happy — they didn't have to call all over town for a place to stay.

With Las Vegas tourism booming — Treasure Island, the Luxor and the MGM Grand all opened around this time — the reservation company flourished. Poster was the numbers guy, Breiting the people person.

A few years into the partnership, they got wind of this thing called the Internet. They invested in it early, and sales went up 60 percent. They expanded to other cities under the name Travelscape.

Again their timing was perfect. Investors flocked to dot-com companies, even those that were losing money. Microsoft came after Trav-



Tom Breiting (left) and Tim Poster outside the Golden Nugget hotel and casino in January 2004, several months after they bought the downtown Las Vegas landmark. Associated Press

elscape with an offer to buy. The final price: \$105 million in Expedia stock.

From an \$8 sandwich to a buffet.

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The Tim and Tom Show was just getting started.

In 2003 they paid \$215 million for the Golden Nugget, gambling that the "green-felt fever" that had swept through the Strip would spread to downtown Las Vegas, too.

Frank Sinatra had played the Nugget, and the new owners went for a "Vintage Vegas" vibe. They renovated rooms, booked Tony Bennett, lured big-money gamblers with higher betting limits.

Hoping to create more buzz about the place, they allowed camera crews to follow them around for a Fox TV reality series called "The Casino." Like most programming of its ilk, the emphasis was on booze, sex and conflict.

"When they bought the

Golden Nugget, Tim Poster and Tom Breiting vowed to return it to its former glory," one columnist wrote. "Great. I just never knew the Golden Nugget was a frat boy fantasy warehouse in its previous incarnation."

Breiting said the content wasn't what they'd expected. His reputation, and Poster's, took a hit. He still runs into people who have a negative impression of him because of the show (an impression that gets tempered now when they hear he's since married and has a child on the way).

But he said there were benefits to the television exposure, too.

"It was very strange because on one hand we would watch the show and we would say, 'This isn't representative of us or the Golden Nugget,' and then we would walk out on the floor and these customers would be, 'We love you guys! The show is incredible! We love being here.'"

"It was a lot of hard work. We lived and breathed our business."

## TOM BREITLING,

from his presentation at USD

They had just drawn up plans to expand the Golden Nugget when they were approached about selling. They didn't want to, Breiting said, but the final offer was too good to pass up: almost \$330 million. After a year of owning the casino, they made a profit of \$113 million.

Breiting then wrote the "Double or Nothing" book, co-authored by Cal Fussman. It goes inside the two \$100 million deals, talks about the TV show, drops some famous names — Steve Wynn, Andre Agassi, Tony Bennett — and examines the power of partnerships.

In his presentation at USD, Breiting told stories from the book, apologizing in advance several times to a priest seated in the front row, and deflected the notion that his success was due in large part to lucky timing.

"It was a lot of hard work," he said. "We lived and breathed our business."

For the School of Business Administration's inaugural entrepreneur contest, organizers expected about seven entries. They got 16. Breiting, who helped choose the winners, said he was impressed with the projects.

"One of the strongest competitive advantages America has is the entrepreneurial spirit," he said. "I've been going around the country speaking at different business schools, hoping to inspire young entrepreneurs. They wind up inspiring me. They want to take over the world. There's this passion, and it pushes us all."

Breiting said he and Poster are too young to be retired, no matter how much money they have. They still live in Las Vegas, and they're looking to get back into the hotel and casino business there, when the timing is right.

In the meantime, Breiting said he's been working on the owner of Sardina's, trying to get him to change the name of the veal parmigiana sandwich to the Double or Nothing.

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## LAS VEGAS GAMBLE PAYS OFF FOR USD'S BREITLING

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The following information was released by the University of San Diego:

"Dream big."

Two small words, yes, but for Tom Breitling, it's a mindset that took him from wanting to be the next Bob Costas to becoming an entrepreneur and brokering two separate \$100 million Las Vegas business deals.

Breitling, a 1991 University of San Diego graduate (B.A., Communications), returned to his alma mater last week for two events that highlighted his entrepreneurial abilities. The president of the Las Vegas-based private investment company Breitling Ventures spoke May 1 to USD alumni, friends and business students to promote his new book *Double or Nothing: How Two Friends Risked It All to Buy One of Las Vegas' Legendary Casinos*. The next day he served as one of three judges for the finals of the USD School of Business Administration's inaugural Business Plan Competition for undergraduate and graduate students. Breitling, 38, talked about being a USD student and interning at a San Diego television station, where he made a great friend in Lorenzo Fertitta. Fertitta, a 1991 graduate, runs Station Casinos in Las Vegas and is an owner of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, a national mixed martial arts organization. It was through Fertitta that Breitling met Tim Poster, who played a major role in his big dreams coming true. It was Poster who convinced Breitling to leave his \$12,000 a year job at a TV station in Victorville, Calif., to join him at Poster's Las Vegas Reservation Systems, Inc. in 1993. The business, benefiting from the Internet boom, became Travelscape.com, which, in 2000, was sold to Expedia.com for more than \$100 million. Breitling served on Expedia.com's board of directors for two years.

In 2004, Poster and Breitling took on a new project - a childhood dream of Poster, Breitling says - to own a Las Vegas hotel and casino. The duo purchased the Golden Nugget hotel-casino properties in Las Vegas and Laughlin for \$215 million. Poster and Breitling became the youngest casino owners in Nevada. Bringing back a "vintage Vegas" atmosphere, the duo starred in a Fox reality TV show "The Casino." They hired legendary singer Tony Bennett to help bring in the crowds. In September 2005, the duo sold the properties for approximately \$340 million, giving Breitling a second \$100 million windfall by age 35.

The two business deals put Poster and Breitling's entrepreneur skills on the map. The key to a successful partnership, Breitling says, is that "great partners really have complementary skills set," noting that Poster had the Las Vegas savvy while Breitling, who is originally from Minnesota, was "the square." Breitling's strengths involve communication skills and a levelheadedness to do what it takes to succeed for the sake of the partnership. Together, Breitling and Poster, were a well-oiled machine.

Breitling provided several other nuggets of advice for those in the audience with entrepreneurial aspirations during a question-and-answer segment at the end of his speech.

- "Regardless if the project is big or small, you need to have an entrepreneurial spirit."
- "Be a student and don't stop being a student."
- "Never think you know all there is to know."

- "Be willing to take risks."

In addition to his investment interests, Breitling gives back to the Las Vegas community and beyond. He is a student mentor and serves on the capital campaign committee for the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, a K-12 model charter school that offers academic programs to enhance a child's character, respect, motivation and self-discipline. He contributes to the Nevada Cancer Institute and in 2007 he started the Thomas C. Breitling Endowed Scholarship Fund at USD, which awards a scholarship to an undergraduate business student from Nevada to attend USD.

"It's one of the true pleasures in life," said Breitling in USD's Honor Roll publication last year about the importance of giving back. "Education is important to me, and America is the land of opportunity; giving back is a way to make our country better."

Breitling, who was married last fall with USD's Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Dillabough officiating, is preparing for fatherhood. He and his wife, Vanessa, are expecting their first child in August.

For more on Tom Breitling, go to [www.tombreitling.com/](http://www.tombreitling.com/)

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**F**ive finalists have been selected for the **USD School of Business Administration's** first Business Plan Competition, which offers a total of \$10,000 in prize money for entrepreneurial students. The final round of competition takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon today (May 2) in USD's **Mother Rosalie Hill Hall** conference room. Sixteen teams and more than 60 students competed in the first round in April. Two finalist teams were selected from the graduate division and three teams from the undergraduate division.

Plans that made it to the final round include "Green City Mexico," an enterprise offering beautification services to Mexican cities in exchange for exclusive billboard advertising rights and "MyHeya.com," a virtual dating site and MySports.com, an online sports community.

Sponsoring the contest are USD's new **Entrepreneurship Club**, the School of Business Administration, **Amador Bengochea**, owner of **Bentar Inc.**, a Las Vegas-based contracting firm and parent of a 2007 USD graduate and USD alumnus and entrepreneur **Tom Breitling**.

May 1, 2008

## S.D. County's economic outlook tumbles; continued weakness expected through '08

By **Dean Calbreath**  
STAFF WRITER

Dragged down by declines in hiring and home-building, San Diego County's economic outlook continued to plummet in March, according to an index of leading economic indicators released yesterday by the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.

Drops in building permits, help-wanted ads and consumer confidence pushed the index down a steep 1.4 percent, marking the 23rd time in 24 months that the index has fallen.

The indicators suggest continued weakness through the rest of

2008, with flat or declining employment, said USD economist Alan Gin, who compiles the index. Gin said he is particularly troubled by the drop in local consumer confidence, which hit an all-time low in March after falling more than 40 percent in the past year.

"Consumer confidence has plunged dramatically, which is probably tied to rising gas prices, continuing mortgage problems and the plethora of bad news about the economy," he said.

Gin said the decline in confidence could blunt the impact of the tax rebates that the federal government began distributing this week to stimulate the economy. With confidence low, he said, people will

be more likely to save the rebate money rather than immediately spend it.

The weakest area of the economy continues to be housing. With home prices falling 19 percent and foreclosures jumping 128 percent over the past year, home builders cut their plans to build new homes, which could lead to further layoffs at construction firms.

Only 193 new residential units received building permits in March. That is the lowest number since November 1992, in the midst of the region's previous housing recession. Only eight multifamily units were authorized, compared

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## Unemployment rate has surged to 5.3 percent

with 804 units in March 2007.

"My guess is that all the foreclosures coming onto the market are keeping new units from being built," said Marney Cox, economist with the San Diego Association of Governments, or SANDAG. "Until we slog our way through that, I doubt that we'll see much of a pickup at all in the construction of new units."

For the first quarter of 2008, total residential units authorized are down more than 63 percent compared with the first quarter of 2007. Single-family units authorized were down 48 percent while multifamily units authorized were down nearly

74 percent.

"What is particularly troubling is that 2007 was already the slowest year for building permits since 1996," Gin said.

Largely because of the housing market, employment in the county remains weak. Between March 2007 and March 2008, the county lost 1,700 workers, with the massive cuts in construction, finance, manufacturing and retail overwhelming hiring in other categories.

Gin said demand for jobs is drying up, with help-wanted advertising dropping for the 19th month in a row. The local unemployment rate has surged to 5.3 percent, its highest point in nearly five years.

On the other hand, new filings for unemployment are slowing, "which indicates that mass layoffs are not occurring locally," Gin said.

Besides the decline in first-time unemployment gains, the only good news in Gin's survey came from local stock prices,

which ended a four-month losing streak with a slight gain in March, and the national index of leading economic indicators, which turned upward for the first time in six months.

But the Conference Board, which maintains the national index, warned that neither the minimal 0.1 percent rise in the index in March nor the 0.6 percent quarterly rise in the gross domestic product announced yesterday signify that the economy has hit bottom.

Bart van Ark, the Conference Board's chief economist, said yesterday's GDP number — which hinted that the economy may not be in a recession — "still doesn't signal any rapid recovery under way." He said other figures, such as the nationwide decline in consumer confidence, suggest that "there may be even further economic softening to come."

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## Economic Index Slide Indicates Region Tilting Toward Recession

### Leading Indicators Declined 23 Out Of Past 24 Months

**BY MIKE ALLEN**

The slowdown that has taken hold of the national and regional economies probably isn't going to turn around anytime soon, according to a monthly economic index released last week.

The University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County dropped in March for the sixth consecutive month, most recently by 1.4 percent. More telling is the fact that the index, which measures six economic components, has declined 23 out of the past 24 months.

Alan Gin, the USD economics professor who compiles the index, says the outlook

for the rest of the year is shaky, with job growth uncertain. Starting from March 2007 and continuing to last month, the area has lost a net of 1,700 jobs.

That is the first time that's happened since July 1993, during the worst recession in the region's history, when major employers were laying off staff by the thousands.

"We're going through a rough patch here, but I think by the end of the year it will pick up a little bit," Gin said. "I still don't think we'll see a decline in terms of employment."

As Gin and other economists have said, the regional economy is suffering from the bursting of an overheated real estate market.

In March, only 193 residential building permits were issued, the lowest number since November 1992. For the same month, permits for eight multifamily units were issued, compared with March 2007,

when permits for 804 multifamily units were issued.

"What is particularly troubling is that 2007 was already the slowest year for building permits since 1996," Gin said.

#### Steady Work For Some

Though the residential side has been devastated, some builders on the commercial side aren't hurting as much.

Jay Leopold, regional manager of DPR Construction Inc. in San Diego, says his firm, which does commercial contracting, is on track to perform about the same as last year, when it had \$238 million in revenue.

DPR is benefiting from having a backlog of work from the biotechnology and health care industries. "We see (the slowdown) and feel it, but we're not as drastically impacted," Leopold said.

Besides the apparent decline in the housing market, the area is getting hammered from the rising costs of gasoline and food.

That's leading many to pull back from spending, which in turn affects other industries.

The USD index showed the largest one-month decline in consumer confidence ever, and was down 40 percent from a year ago.

"If this drop in consumer confidence translates to cutbacks in consumer spending, then the fallout will be more widespread," Gin said.

The index showed three components that increased: fewer unemployment insurance claims; stock prices; and the overall national economic index. But Gin says he wasn't impressed by the latter figure, which gained only 0.19 percent.

The technical data isn't evident yet, but practically speaking, many people have the impression that it's a recession, Gin says.

"Even though we're not in a recession, it feels like one to most people."

May 30, 2008

# Slowdown is forecast to go into next year

## USD economist: Region might dodge recession

By Dean Calbreath  
 STAFF WRITER

San Diego County's economic slowdown will probably continue through at least early 2009, with negligible employment growth, sluggish home sales and stagnant retail spending, according to an index of leading economic indicators released yesterday.

Based on recent trends, it seems likely that job growth in the county will be at zero or minimally higher this year, said the report, issued by the Burnham-Moores Center of Real Estate at the University of San Diego. Home-building will hit its slowest point since the 1960s.

Nevertheless, USD economist Alan Gin, who compiles the monthly report, believes that the economy will not meet his definition of a regional recession.

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### SAN DIEGO LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County fell 1.4 percent in April.



AARON STECKELBERG / Union-Tribune

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# Consumer confidence keeps falling

sion — a year-over-year loss of jobs lasting six consecutive months. So far, San Diego has had only one month of annualized job losses: March. April showed a slight rebound.

"We're close, but I don't think we'll tip over," Gin said. "Over the last 30 to 35 years, we've only had four years with negative job growth: one in the early 1980s and three in early 1990s with the collapse of the aerospace industry."

Esmael Adibi, economist at Chapman University in Orange, is slightly more pessimistic, predicting that job growth will be at zero or slightly below, meaning that San Diego will slip into recession.

"There's not a big deviation between what I'm saying and what he's saying, but I think slightly negative job growth is more likely," Adibi said.

He said that during the first quarter, five of California's 10 largest job markets were in recession: Ventura, Orange, Los Angeles and Alameda counties and the Inland Empire. San Diego was only minimally better, with 0.1 percent job growth.

"By the end of the year, everyone's going to have zero or negative job growth except San Francisco and Santa Clara County, which are benefiting from demand for high-tech," he said.

Adrian Fleissig, an economist at California State University Fullerton, said the entire Southern California region is facing a "severe economic slowdown" that will last at least through year's end.

CSU Fullerton's regional index of economic indicators — covering Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial counties — is slated to be released today.

Fleissig said the index will show a regional decline in employment "as the impact of higher oil prices, slowdown in the housing sector and the general cutbacks in local and state

government spending filter through to the Southland."

He said San Diego County "is very likely to closely follow the downward trend."

The USD index has been declining for 24 out of the past 25 months, including seven consecutive months of especially sharp declines since October.

In the April index released yesterday, four of the six indicators that Gin uses for his index were down sharply:

- **Home-building.** At the current pace, only 3,400 new residential units will be built in San Diego this year — the lowest yearly total in four decades. The construction slowdown has led to the loss of 7,900 jobs since last year and has also led to job losses at furniture and home improvement stores.

- **Unemployment filings.** First-time claims for unemployment insurance jumped in April, which is usually a low month for claims. On the other hand, the jobless rate improved slightly, falling from 5.3 percent in March to 5.0 percent in April.

- **Help-wanted advertising.** Job postings have fallen for 20 consecutive months. Employment agencies say demand is still strong for highly skilled, well-educated workers. But demand for lower-skilled workers has dropped sharply. Nationwide, personnel managers say the labor market will remain soft next month, said Jennifer Schramm, who tracks workplace trends at the Society of Human Resource Management in Alexandria, Va.

- **Consumer confidence.** The sharpest decline was in consumer confidence, which fell nearly 5 percent in April — the steepest drop for any component in the history of the USD index. Gin said that one reason for the decline in confidence in the local survey — conducted by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* — was the growing threat of inflation, which is spreading from gasoline and food prices to other consumer goods.

The local findings were echoed in a statewide report released yesterday by Chapman University's Anderson Center for Economic Research, which said consumer confidence has "collapsed" throughout California.

May 20, 2008

# Some see sign of hope for housing

## Sales and prices increase, but remain far from peak

By Roger Showley  
STAFF WRITER

After months of grim reports of slumping sales and free-falling prices, San Diego County's housing market showed signs of life in April with sales up 33.3 percent from March and the median price back at the \$400,000 level.

But the statistics only looked good in comparison with the most recent past. The price rebound came after nine straight months of falling prices that brought the median to \$395,000 in March — the first time it was below \$400,000 since January 2004, according to DataQuick Information Systems.

While the housing market always tends to perk up in the spring, this year's March-April sales increase was the best on record. Nonetheless, it was still the second-worst April sales count — 2,809 sales, compared to the all-time April low of 2,304 in 1995, near the end of the last real estate bust.

"For the most part, this is a good, old-fashioned blue-plate special — this is discounts spurring more home sales for the most part," DataQuick analyst Andrew LePage said.

Prices on resale houses and condos and on new housing, including condo conversions, were all higher in April than in March. But, as with sales counts, they were far below the records set two or three years

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## Observer sees stable coastal sales, but still-depreciating inland prices

ago.

For instance, the overall median was 22.7 percent below the peak of \$517,500 set in November 2005.

Elsewhere in Southern California, DataQuick reported a burst in sales in hard-hit Riverside County, but a 19 percent drop in the six-county region from April 2007. Median prices were down 23.8 percent regionally — with San Diego County showing the smallest decline, down 18.4 percent over the same period.

These contrasts prompted LePage and other observers to caution against any celebration that high sales volumes and rising prices are back.

Lori Staehling, president of the San Diego Association of Realtors, put it this way: "We're cautiously very optimistic. . . . I think we're past the bottom."

A market uptick certainly brightened the weekend for Stephanie and Richard Jensen, agents with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in La Mesa, who sold a \$650,000 house in Mount Helix in six days and found an interested buyer for a \$779,000 house in rural El Cajon.

"Buyers are willing to sit

down and put pen to paper and write an offer," Stephanie Jensen said. "We're seeing that trend grow. People are saying now's the time."

But she tempered her optimism by saying, "I don't think the end of the gloom is here yet, because there are too many unresolved problems out there."

One is the quantity of foreclosed properties — which made up 869 of the 2,475 resale transactions last month. Another is that there are 18,329 active listings, about 200 less than at this time in May 2007, according to the San Diego Association of Realtors on the Sandicor multiple listing service.

John and Kay Anderson, the sellers of the split-level Mount Helix house, had seen their property, bought in 1982 for \$128,000, soar to \$800,000 before falling back in the last two years.

"I know this is a poor time to be selling a house," said John Anderson, 68. "This is not the peak of the market anymore. . . . but this is a fair price, a good deal at this price for somebody, so we'll give it a try." He said he was surprised to attract a buyer so quickly.

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The Andersons are moving to a one-story house in Point Loma they bought two years ago for \$1 million. "It's held its value and is probably worth about the same as when we bought it," John Anderson said.

Fabian and Melanie Repsheldt, the other Jensen clients, are eyeing a 4,000-square-foot house on 3 acres in rural El Cajon, listed for \$779,000. They live in Dusseldorf, Germany, but want to move here and start a business.

"We fell in love with the place (San Diego) and now plan on being here because it's just gorgeous," said Fabian, 28, who first visited as an international business management student last fall.

He said comparable prices in Germany would be at least double the El Cajon price, and the couple are planning to keep three properties they own back home.

Alan Gin, a University of San Diego economist, and Peter Dennehy, senior vice president of Sullivan Group Real Estate Advisors, welcomed the improved housing figures. But they said one month does not necessarily signal a trend.

"I think this is a good sign," Gin said. "You need a couple more months of positive continued activity before you could declare it a trend."

He predicted "continued weakness" for the rest of the year but recommended anyone

#### APRIL HOUSING PRICES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

County	SALES			MEDIAN PRICES		
	April '07	April '08	Change	April '07	April '08	Change
Los Angeles	7,225	5,016	-30.6%	\$540,000	\$435,000	-19.4%
Orange	2,682	2,166	-19.2%	\$629,000	\$500,000	-20.5%
Riverside	2,987	3,186	+6.7%	\$409,000	\$295,000	-27.9%
San Bernardino	2,049	1,667	-18.6%	\$370,000	\$265,000	-28.4%
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>
Ventura	890	771	-13.4%	\$572,000	\$445,000	-22.2%
<b>All combined</b>	<b>19,269</b>	<b>15,615</b>	<b>-19.0%</b>	<b>\$505,000</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>	<b>-23.8%</b>

Imperial County figures are not available.

SOURCE: DataQuick Information Systems

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interested in buying should act in the second half of the year because interest rates might rise.

Dennehy, who met with several builder clients yesterday, said plans for new housing have largely been put on hold pending a firming up of the resale market.

"There are buyers out there, and they're starting to respond to better deals," he said. "There is still a long way to go, but this is where it starts. . . . Let's just see if it continues. I certainly expect it will."

One person who bided his time was Lou Ascione, dean of arts and humanities at City College in downtown San Diego. He moved here in October, having sold his home in Rancho Cucamonga, and waited for prices to fall dramatically in the downtown condo market.

"They didn't really drop," he said, but the concessions on new projects improved.

Tomorrow, he plans to move into the second floor of the 77-unit Solara Lofts, a former office condo project at Fourth Avenue and Cedar Street. He bought a 1,134-square-foot unit for \$404,900, but his lender is

#### APRIL HOUSING PRICES FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Median prices	April '07	March '08	April '08	Change
				April '07-'08
Resale houses	\$565,000	\$417,000	\$430,000	-23.9%
Resale condos	\$385,000	\$290,000	\$300,000	-22.1%
New homes/condos*	\$410,000	\$450,000	\$493,000	+20.2%
<b>All combined</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$395,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>

#### Sales

Resale houses	1,854	1,197	1,707	-7.9%
Resale condos	876	592	768	-12.3%
New homes/condos*	706	319	334	-52.7%
<b>All combined</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>

\*Includes condo conversions

SOURCE: DataQuick Information Systems

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rebating 6 percent of the price, more than covering his 5 percent down payment.

"That was wild," he said. "I didn't believe it was correct."

The latest DataQuick figures signaled a market that, as one observer put it, is split between the relatively stable coast and still-depreciating inland.

Lou Martin, an agent with Prudential California specializing in Rancho Santa Fe and coastal neighborhoods, said buying of million-dollar-plus homes is largely unaffected by the overall downturn.

"A lot of people are cash buyers, bringing in a large amount of money," Martin said.

Joanne Rust, an agent with Coldwell Banker's Mission Valley office but specializing in Chula Vista, said buyers have begun calling her to look for South Bay deals.

"They feel like it's closer to getting to the bottom of the market," she said. "They just hear there's opportunity."

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# Forecast: Local economy will avoid slump

## Economists predict housing market will slow growth, but region will still add jobs

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San Diego County's economy will skirt a recession this year and job losses will continue for only two more months, says a widely followed economic forecast.

Nagging weakness in the real es-

tate and construction sectors will continue to drag down the local economy throughout the year but not enough to cause a loss in total jobs across the county, according to a report by the UCLA Anderson Forecast, to be released Thursday.

The county will lose 1,200 more jobs in April and May, the forecast said, after having posted a loss of 1,700

in March, bringing the unemployment rate to 5.5 percent.

But the economy will then stabilize, posting growth in jobs by the fourth quarter when compared with a year earlier, the report said.

Though falling home prices and virtually nonexistent new construction are large obstacles, the forecast's economists wrote that the county will not

come close to seeing the roughly 20,000 jobs lost in the early 1990s.

A fundamental reason is that a downturn in several sectors, including aerospace, accompanied that era's housing recession, said Alan Gin, an economics professor with the University of San Diego and a contributing

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author for the forecast.

"That was a double whammy (in the early '90s)," he said. "So then the question now is, 'Can a single whammy bring the economy into a recession?' I don't think it can."

While the academics believe that the local economy will survive the housing recession without a general downturn in jobs, businesses should not expect to turn to a traditional source of revenue: tourists.

The number of visitors to San Diego County declined in 2007 and reaction to last fall's wildfires could mean that 2008 tourism might be even weaker, the economists wrote.

Discussing the future of residential real estate, writers of the forecast had no problem eating crow on their previous prediction. They noted that a year ago, the team forecast that home prices in San Diego County would remain relatively stable or fall only slightly.

Instead, countywide home prices tumbled almost 17 percent throughout the year, according to Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller Home Price Index, a closely watched price indicator.

The forecast's writers acknowledged underestimating

the foreclosure crisis a year ago.

Looking forward, they expect foreclosures to continue to "wreak havoc" on home prices for the next nine to 12 months. And concerns among buyers about buying a home in a depreciating market mean that the county's housing market will not recover until mid-2009, according to the forecast.

On the bright side, the economists wrote, the county's housing recession will be over relatively quickly by historical standards.

UCLA's economists also stood by earlier predictions that the national and state economies will likewise dodge a recession. Those predictions run counter to several Wall Street analysts who have declared the economy in recession.

As with the county's economy, they reason that housing weakness alone is not capable of pulling the general economy into a recession.

In years past, housing downturns have foretold general recessions. But this time is different, the forecast said.

Historically, massive job losses precipitated housing downturns.

This housing recession was predicated upon creative financing. That means, the economists reasoned, the housing downturn does not correlate with job losses, so the economy's overall health is in better shape.



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**Financing Iraq war is taking toll on economy**

By Dean Calbreath  
Copley News Service



There have been many casualties in the Iraq war, which marked its fifth anniversary in March. Foremost among them are the deaths of more than 4,000 U.S. troops and an estimated 90,000 Iraqi civilians since the war began in 2003.

But there have been other casualties, as well. Economic casualties. The rising price of oil, the growing national debt, the declining value of the dollar, the deteriorating infrastructure and the weakening economy have all been exacerbated by our "war of choice" (the congressional term for whatever it is we're doing in Iraq).

That's not to say the invasion of Iraq is the only cause of our economic woes. The crash of the housing market and the tightening of credit would have occurred even if we had never gone after Saddam Hussein.

In general, however, the massive amount of money spent on the war has made our economic problems much worse than they would have been otherwise. That's because one of the primary casualties of the war has been the value of the dollar.

In previous wars, presidents have raised taxes and sold war bonds to support the troops. In this war, the Bush administration lowered taxes and sold hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of Treasury bonds to investors overseas, raising our foreign debt to the point where we are by far the biggest debtor nation in the history of the world.

Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz estimates that \$1 trillion of the \$2.5 trillion in U.S. debt outstanding is related to the Iraq war. Over the next decade, he says, that number will double to \$2 trillion. Although some economists quibble with his math, there is no disagreement that the Iraq war has boosted the national debt.

"We've had a very floppy fiscal policy, and Iraq is absolutely part of that," said Ross Starr, an economist at the University of California San Diego.

"We basically financed the war on an international credit card," said Steven Kosiak, director of budget studies at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington, D.C.

The massive amount of bonds flooding into the world market had the effect of devaluing the dollar at the same

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time that Iraq-related expenses were pushing the federal budget deficit to all-time highs.

"Spending \$12 billion a month on Iraq while cutting taxes year after year obviously had an impact on our economic standing, hampering our ability to remain an economic powerhouse," said Brian Katulis, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. "You shouldn't keep increasing spending if the numbers don't add up."

The deficit was aided by the loose money policies of the Federal Reserve, which pushed interest rates to 40-year lows shortly after the war began.

Even before the war, the Fed was lowering rates to counteract the effects of the collapse of the dot-com investment bubble. But the decision to push the rate down to 1 percent - well below the official rate of inflation - was at least partly attributable to the war. And those low interest rates led to the dramatic rise and fall of the housing market, in addition to fueling the decline in the dollar.

The dwindling value of the dollar has made things more expensive for all Americans, but it's particularly noticeable in the price we're paying for gasoline. Stiglitz, a former economist for the World Bank, estimates that the Iraq war has added at least \$5 to \$10 to each barrel of oil because of a loss of Iraqi oil production and concerns about the stability of the region.

Other economists say that an even greater impact has come from the decline in the value of the dollar, which is at least partly an outgrowth of the war.

Many of these economic problems could have been foreseen. In an article I wrote for The San Diego Union-Tribune on the eve of the invasion in 2003, a number of economists warned of the potential costs of the war.

At the time, Californians were angry because war jitters had driven the average price for a gallon of gas to the then-astronomical price of \$2 per gallon.

Sung Won Sohn, then an economist for Wells Fargo Bank, noted that anytime there is a conflict in the Middle East, oil prices hit record figures. He warned that the longer the war lasted, the higher the prices would go.

Alan Gin, an economist at the University of San Diego, said that all the initial economic effects of the war would be negative. "The biggest worry is getting bogged down in a long war," he added.

John Nofsinger, an economist at Washington State University, discussed the perils of paying for the war with public debt.

"The government is about to spend a lot of money that it just doesn't have," Nofsinger said. "If that money were to be spent on building useful projects in the United States, you might expect some economic stimulus would occur. But this is not the kind of spending that produces stimulus."

So how much will the war ultimately cost?

Most estimates go well into the trillion-dollar zone.

Focusing mainly on the direct expenses of war - armaments, payrolls, defense contracts, insurance, short-term care for the wounded - the Congressional Budget Office last October pinned the cost for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq at between \$1.2 trillion and \$1.7 trillion through 2017.

A report by the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Senate last November estimated that the total cost of the war in Iraq - including indirect costs such as the rising price of oil, the lost productivity of troops and the cost of extended care for veterans - had already hit \$1.3 trillion and would top \$2.8 trillion by 2017.

In his book "The Three Trillion Dollar War: The True Cost of the Iraq Conflict," which was recently released, Stiglitz says \$3 trillion is a conservative figure. By the time all the costs are totaled up, he says, expenses could well top the \$5 trillion inflation-adjusted price of World War II.

San Diego State University finance professor Dan Seiver, who studied under Stiglitz at Yale, doesn't believe the price tag will get quite that high.

"But even if it's just \$1 trillion, that's a lot of money," Seiver said. "And we're spending it at a time when we need to improve our education system, our infrastructure and our health care system.

"Those things would make our economy grow stronger and faster. But instead, the money is being spent in Iraq," Seiver said.

Last November's Senate report noted that at that time, the government was spending more than \$400 million per day in Iraq. By its calculation, a single day of money spent in Iraq equals the amount it would cost to hire 5,500 teachers for a year or 9,000 police officers.

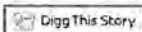
"If we just saved the money instead of spending it, we could have made our deficits smaller, which would have been better for our economic health," Seiver said.

As it is, our economic health is just another casualty of war.

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## USD Economic Index drops again

By **CHRISTINE MEADE**, The Daily Transcript  
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The University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell by 1.4 percent in April, making it the third consecutive month with a 1.4 percent decline.

According to USD professor Alan Gin, any drop greater than 1 percent is considered a significant change. April is the seventh consecutive month of significant decline, with drops occurring in the last 24 out of 25 months.

Consumer confidence experienced the biggest blow for the month, with a 5.66 percent drop, attributed to higher gas prices, inflation concerns and trouble in the housing market. Help wanted advertising also dropped by 1.7 percent, building permits by 1.31 percent and unemployment insurance by .86 percent.

Local stock prices saw a slight bump in April, by .87 percent, making it the second month in a row to see improvement. The national economy edged up by .19 percent for April but it was not enough to change the pessimistic outlook for the remainder of the year.

According to the economic indicators, the San Diego economy should remain weak throughout the rest of the year and into the beginning of 2009 due mostly in part to a slow employment rate and retail and home sales.

## Essential Sign of a Recession Missing in Region, Study Asserts

Take heart, San Diego, it ain't as bad as it seems.

That's what economic experts from UCLA Anderson Forecast are saying about the regional economy in a report released May 8.

The quarterly forecast, which also looks at the national and state economies, says that a litany of bad news makes it sound like the local economy has entered a recession. Yet the huge

job losses that usually accompany recessions are missing this time.

"By the end of 2008, we should start to see the light at the end of the tunnel, as real estate job losses taper off and the housing market begins to stabilize," states the report authored by Ryan Ratcliff from the Anderson Forecast and Alan Gin, economics professor at the University of San Diego.

For the next two quarters, the forecast

expects continued layoffs—caused in large part by ongoing real estate market weakness—to amount to a net loss of about 1,200 jobs, or a 0.1 percent decrease.

The regional unemployment rate will peak at 5.5 percent, which is high by San Diego standards, "but a far cry from the double-digit unemployment rate we've seen in California during recessions," Ratcliff and Gin wrote.

The forecast states the foreclosure nightmare will continue to play out, but the change in lending behavior suggests that things should get better by the end of the year.

"There will undoubtedly be an unsettled period even after the foreclosure problem has run its course. It may very well be the middle of 2009 before we see a housing market that starts to look normal," Ratcliff and Gin said.

— Mike Allen

May 5, 2008

## Real Estate Sectors Are Struggling Across the Board But Area Shows Some Resiliency in Job Growth

BY NED RANDOLPH

San Diego's housing woes hit another nadir last week after a series of reports revealed trends in falling home prices, mounting job losses in construction and related industries and an unwillingness by banks to extend credit in risky situations — all of which have left economists to wonder when the carnage will spread into other areas.

So far, San Diego's economy has shown some resiliency.

"Outside of housing, the rest of the economy is still adding jobs," said economist Alan Gin, who last week released the University of San Diego's

Index of Leading Economic Indicators for March, which revealed yet another month of falling consumer confidence and building permits — and fewer help-wanted ads.

Losses are starting to show up in retail as homeowners have less cash to spend, he said.

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## Home Price Declines

Here are the nation's top 10 declining markets:

METROPOLITAN AREA	ONE-YEAR CHANGE (%)
Las Vegas	-22.8
Miami	-21.7
Phoenix	-20.8
Los Angeles	-19.4
San Diego	-19.2
Tampa, Fla.	-17.5
San Francisco	-17.2
Detroit	-16.5
Washington, D.C.	-13.0
Minneapolis	-12.5

Source: Standard & Poor's, Fiserv

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"Auto dealerships are down in terms of employment," Gin said. "There's less equity. People can't take out home-equity loans to buy cars.

"Home furnishings, appliance stores and building supplies stores are also down."

The economy in March shed 14,300 construction and real estate jobs compared to the year before. Yet gains elsewhere offset most of the losses. The region only lost a total of 1,700 jobs, which was nonetheless the first year-to-year job loss since July 1993, said Gin, an associate professor at USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

"I think construction is going to be weak for a while here," he said. "We have this excess supply with foreclosures and houses not selling. The builders are not going to put new products out on the market in that environment."

Meanwhile, gun-shy banks are starting to call in loans to homebuilders, which are suffering under unsold inventory. Carlsbad-based **Barratt American Inc.** revealed last week that its bank of 28 years pulled the plug on its loan that the company needed to pay off its bills to subcontractors.

"There's a credit crunch in the country, and one of the areas that is significantly affected is housing and real estate," said Mick Pattinson, Barratt American's chief executive officer and president. "The high street banks are basically pulling the plug on loans wherever they can find an excuse to do so. We've been affected by this as other builders have."

Barrett American sold about 100 homes last year, which was 20 percent of a typical year. As a result, the company is going out to find new capital, he said.

"In the meantime, we have issues with payables. We've had to talk to our trades partners and vendors; and hope they will be patient. In most cases they are," he said. "It's the way of the world. Banks are fair-weather friends. When the going gets tough they disappear."

#### Foreclosures Mounting

As home foreclosures in California reached their highest level since 1992, according to real estate data analyzer Data-Quick Information Systems, realtors are having to adapt to new market realities.

Realtor Brian Yui, who is CEO of **HouseRebate.com**, a discount brokerage, launched a new service two weeks ago that provides an online virtual tour of foreclosed properties.

"We had to refocus the company because the market is so bad," he said. "We eliminated the lemons by focusing on foreclosure. We're trying to adapt to market conditions to be a survivor here."

Yui said he has about 30 agents in San Diego. "We're probably about 10 percent lighter in the last year," he said. "The number of transactions for real estate has gone down about 30 percent. It's more difficult to stay in business."

Another aspect, he said, is that agents have gotten squeezed not only on fewer transactions but lower commissions since homes are selling for less.

"It's a double whammy for real estate agents," said Yui, who declined to give

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— Alan Gin,  
economist,  
University of San Diego

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revenues on the company. "It was a tough last two quarters."

#### Falling Home Prices

The latest housing report out last week showed prices in San Diego County fell by 19.2 percent in the 12 months that ended Feb. 29, according to the S&P Case/Shiller Home Price Index.

The only metropolitan areas in the S&P Case/Shiller Index to fare worse than San Diego were Las Vegas, minus 22.8 percent; Miami, minus 21.7 percent; Phoenix, minus 20.8 percent; and Los Angeles, minus 19.4 percent.

The national average was 12.7 percent. Of the 20 metropolitan areas, 17 posted their largest year-over-year declines ever, and only one saw prices rise: Charlotte, N.C., at 1.5 percent.

"I originally thought we'd see some bottom in the second half in 2008," said Gin. "That's still possible, but it's also possible that it will be 2009 before we see any type of firming."

"It will be much later than that before things start picking up."

May 25, 2008

# Real estate crisis about to get worse

ZACH FOX  
STAFF WRITER

All data point to escalating foreclosure numbers through the year

Foreclosures have flooded North County's housing market, and indicators show that the waters will be rising, not receding through the rest of the year.

Just as April's sales data was the best in months and provided some encouragement for real estate agents, the month's huge foreclosure numbers offered more ammunition to housing market bears who see San Diego County's housing recession dragging on for two or three years.

All indications are that North County will see more foreclosures, not fewer, come up for sale over the next six months.

■ Fewer than half of San Diego County variable-rate subprime loans — where interest rates jump after a set period and typically carry high payments because of a borrower's poor credit score or low down payment — have already seen payments escalate, according to a report by the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

■ Of all North County foreclosed homes that went back to the bank within the last 120 days, 60 percent have not been listed on the market, according to a North County Times analysis of foreclosure, listing, sales and pending sales data. And there have been more finalized foreclosures — 1,800 homes — over the last four months than the previous seven months.

■ Notices of default, the first step in the foreclosure process, have shot up in North County, reaching a peak for this recession of 1,100 in April, according to data from ForeclosureRadar, a California foreclosure tracking service. Notices of default precede bank-owned foreclosures (widely viewed as the chief culprit of San Diego County's home price decline) by six months to a year.

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The data put foreclosure analysts at odds with real estate agents, who say that a flurry of buyer activity foretells a housing market recovery locally.

"I am more wondering when is this thing going to blow up, and you're already talking about the light at the end of the tunnel," said Ramsey Su, an investor and former real estate broker in San Diego. "It's going to get worse before it gets better."

### Investor could lose big

Many housing analysts said they think option-adjustable rate mortgages will further exacerbate the foreclosure problem. The loans allow homeowners to pay less than the interest accrued, meaning the amount owed on the mortgage increases, rather than decreases, with each payment.

Eventually, the mortgage balance becomes so large the lender forces the homeowner to pay all interest and some of the principal each month to start drawing down the balance.

For Diane Goodwin of Oceanside, that move would force her to lose two of her investment properties. And if the market does not improve, she said she could lose her other three homes, including her primary residence, over the next year and a half.

All five properties she owns carry the option mortgages, also known as negative amortization loans.

"Yup, big mistake," she said. "However, we wouldn't have any of them except the original house if we didn't use neg-am, so it was a gamble. And at the time, it seemed like a good one. Obviously, we didn't know what was going to happen to the market."

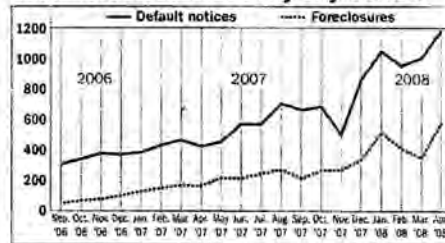
There are 19,200 homes with neg-am, non-subprime loans in San Diego County, according to the Federal Reserve report. All of those loans are known as Alt-A, which indicates a more qualified buyer than subprime loans but less qualified than prime loans. In total, there are about 95,000 non-prime loans in the county, according to the data.

That prevalence has raised concerns among foreclosure analysts that neg-am loans will cause a new tidal wave of bank-owned foreclosures.

"I still haven't seen a real wumph," said Ward Hanigan, founder of Innovest, a San Diego-based company that tracks foreclosure statistics and buys bank-owned properties.

Hanigan said he thinks San Diego County's housing market will decline for two more

## Local foreclosure activity skyrockets



Notices of default have shot up rapidly over the last four months in North County, a sign that foreclosure activity may linger, along with its dampening effect on the housing market.

SOURCE: ForeclosureRadar

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

years before any sort of recovery and that an increase in foreclosures will lead the decline.

Based on that prediction, his company has not invested in foreclosures yet, he said.

A few unknowns will play a significant role over the next year.

For example, Goodwin is desperately trying to get her banks to freeze her mortgage payments to avoid foreclosure. But because she has not missed a payment, she said, they will not talk about such a freeze, known as a loan modification.

If more banks engage in loan modifications, more homeowners and investors like Goodwin might dodge foreclosure.

To help even more families facing foreclosure, the state and federal governments have moved aggressively to pass foreclosure-prevention legislation and have organized networks where homeowners can seek free help in securing loan modifications.

However, much of that legislation will not help Goodwin because she is an investor and politicians have repeatedly said they want to avoid bailing out speculators.

But Goodwin said she does not fit the speculator-investor prototype.

"I just wanted to make sure I wasn't a burden to my family when I get old. It was not to be rich, but to have something so that my kids wouldn't have to worry about me when I'm 90," Goodwin said. "So now, instead of being able to retire when I'm 65 or 62-and-a-half, now, realistically, I'll have to work until I'm 75."

### The negative intangibles

Some unknown factors could increase, instead of reduce, foreclosure numbers. For some housing analysts, the trajectory of the nation's economy will play the biggest role in foreclosure numbers over the next year.

Housing analysts have said that the primary cause of foreclosures so far has

been creative loan products, such as neg-am or subprime loans, that put people into homes they could not really afford.

In contrast, job loss, divorce and death have been the largest foreclosure factors historically. If significant layoffs come — as some analysts, such as Su, expect — foreclosure numbers will multiply as traditional home losses combine with evictions brought about by exotic financial instruments and a housing rush from 2000 to 2005.

"I don't think it would be a linear growth of foreclosures. It would be exponential. It would be catastrophic," said Su, the San Diego investor. "It would be a situation that we have never seen before."

Some real estate agents, such as Kurt Kinsey of Oceanside, disagree with analysts such as Hanigan. Though Kinsey said he acknowledges there will be more foreclosures through 2008, that does not necessarily mean they will depress home prices.

"It will definitely add pressure to non-distressed sellers, no doubt about it. But most of them (foreclosures) are coming back at price points that are affordable," Kinsey said. "And from where they started at, they're starting to come up in price. So if anything, they're starting to heal some neighborhoods."

### Shadow inventory

Even if foreclosure numbers leveled off next month, it would take a long time to work through the homes already in the foreclosure process.

Notices of default, the first step of the foreclosure process sent out after homeowners start missing payments, are considered a leading indicator of foreclosures.

Hanigan said his statistics show about 50 percent of notices of default are turning into bank-owned foreclosures in San Diego County.

North County has seen notices of default escalate recently, accumulating 4,100 notices in the first four months of the year, according to ForeclosureRadar.

With Hanigan's 50 percent conversion rate, the notices of default during the first four months of this year will translate into 525 foreclosures per month. During those four months, North County posted an average of 460 foreclosures over the same time period.

And even many of the homes that have completed the foreclosure process have yet to hit the market.

Of the 1,300 North County homes to be seized by banks over the last 120 days, 750 are still not on the market, according to an analysis of ForeclosureRadar data and listing, sales and pending data from Sandicor, a service real estate agents use to post homes for sale.

"I think that the banks are in an analysis paralysis," said Norm Miller, a real estate professor with University of San Diego's Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate. "They're trying to figure out whether to put it on now and bite the bullet or wait because they think we're at the bottom. But everyone else is thinking the same way and there's no way to avoid the rash of foreclosures."

Some housing analysts disagree with Miller, saying that

banks are moving the foreclosures as quickly as possible, but that the process of evicting families and readying homes for sale is time-consuming.

Either way, there are plenty of homes to be sold not listed on the market, called by some as "shadow" or "phantom" inventory.

Many analysts look at inventory, the number of homes for sale divided by the number of sales, to determine the relative health of the housing market.

Some analysts, like Miller, think that current inventory numbers — though high — are artificially low because of foreclosure properties not on the market and regular homeowners who do not want to sell in a struggling market.

Still, some neighborhoods, especially those along the coast, have exhibited strength in pricing and few foreclosures.

Further, some areas, such as parts of Oceanside and Escondido, have been so wracked by foreclosures that prices have dipped to \$160,000 and most analysts do not expect further declines.

"You look at 10 homes for sale, one is aggressively priced and another is priced at the same price as a year-and-a-half ago. ... They're going to be on the market for a long, long, long time," Miller said. "So this home is close to bottoming out, and the other one is in la-la land with the assumption that real estate never goes down."

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## New service allows home buyers wider search

**ZACH FOX**  
STAFF WRITER

For home buyers who want to look at homes in Los Angeles as well as Temecula, the process of finding the right home could soon be more efficient. And it might soon be simpler for San Diego home shoppers to find prices in San Francisco.

Several Southern California multiple listing service companies, data

providers that real estate agents use to find which homes are available and to list homes for sale, will be combining forces and launching a regional listing service this summer.

Also, California Association of Realtors is looking at launching a statewide listing service that would allow agents and consumers to search all homes for sale across the state.

While it is improbable the changes would reduce costs in buy-

ing a home, it could make it easier for potential buyers to search for the right home at the right price.

"They should have done this 10 years ago," said Norm Miller, a professor at University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate. "I think all contiguous markets should join up. It just makes sense."

The new Southern California listing service will provide data on homes throughout the region, Riverside County to Los Angeles. Beyond

offering detailed data to real estate agents, it will also allow home buyers to search homes for sale.

San Diego's listing service, however, will not be folded into the regional listing service.

Though it is not officially part of the regional listing, San Diego's listing service will receive data from the collaboration, said Ray Ewing, president of Sandicor, the name of the

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county listing service company.

Therefore, he said, home buyers in San Diego can still search for homes in Los Angeles as easily as if Sandicor were part of the collaboration.

Ewing said Sandicor decided to not be a part of the regional listing service, known as California Real Estate Technology Services, because of a disagreement over the rules for real estate agents using the service.

For example, Sandicor has rules about when real estate agents should update information after a home's status or which pictures can be used, Ewing said.

The statewide association

of real estate agents is looking into a separate listing service that would provide data on home sales and homes for sale across the state. But some San Diego County real estate agents said they would hesitate selling a buyer a home in Northern California.

The collaboration would compile data from each independent listing service.

"It (Southern California regional service) is the beginning of what's coming," said Kurt Kinsey, an Oceanside real estate agent who expects the statewide listing service could launch within 12 months. "We'll soon have access to data all over the state. It'll give me the information needed to actually sell a house in San Francisco. But I probably wouldn't because I don't know the area's idiosyncrasies."

Another real estate agent said he thinks the collaboration might even do consumers harm if a real estate agent were to sell the buyer a home in an area where the agent did not know details such as school districts or property taxes.

"If you come to me for information, I'm a source of information for this area. I've got hearsay for other areas and predictions that may or may not be accurate," said Dennis Smith, a real estate agent based in Carlsbad. "So if anything, it (regional listing service) might put them (buyers) at a disadvantage because it allows Realtors to sell clients on an area without having knowledge of that area."

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## STUDENTS ENGINEER AWARD-WINNING VIDEO

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The following information was released by the University of San Diego:

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. In the case of several USD industrial engineering students, it's a \$1,000.

In late April, the Industrial Advisory Board of the Institute of Industrial Engineers awarded engineering seniors Mike Hoxter and Omar Damluji first-prize in its inaugural IAB You Tube video contest.

The contest asked students to make a video to promote the career of industrial engineering to high school students. Hoxter and Damluji came up with a hip, funny look at their major that played on the theme from the Rocky movies, complete with Damluji running up the steps above Linda Vista Road, clutching his textbooks.

Their ideas were very clever, said USD Associate Professor of Engineering Rick Olson.

Even if you weren't interested in engineering, you still might want to watch it and actually learn something.

Several other students, Yasser Abdulfattah, Matt Irwin and Sulaiman Sully Abanumay also helped make the video.

Both Hoxter and Damluji, president and vice president, respectively, of the local student IIE chapter, will attend the IIE Annual Conference in May in Vancouver. A portion of their winnings will fund the trip. The student chapter, along with Associated Students, the Provost's Enhanced Student-Faculty Interaction Fund, USD's Engineering Programs and USD engineering alumnus Matt Craig, are also providing funding for the trip.

To see the award-winning video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB5mTKsqvMs>.

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## Try this fish dish just for the halibut

Santa Monica's Michael Cigliano serves up simple (but delicious) entree

By Phil Lempert

Food editor

**TODAY**

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The 10th Street Café in Santa Monica, Calif. is owned by Michael Cigliano, proprietor of Santa Monica Seafood, which has become an institution for seafood lovers throughout the city. This informal café is a favorite for local foodies who are looking for fresh, tasty seafood — they know the food will be great here, as Santa Monica Seafood supplies most of the fine dining restaurants in the area.

As far as the ambience goes, casual is the word. But if you're more concerned about the freshness of your fish and chips than what's on the walls, this is the place to stop by for lunch when you're in Santa Monica — it's open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. only.

### About the chef

One might say Michael Cigliano took to his career like a fish to water. Born into one of Southern California's most reputable seafood families, he went on to become executive vice president of the family business. The Ciglianos trace their California roots to the 19th century, when their great-grandfather John arrived from Naples, Italy and settled in San Pedro as a fisherman.

After graduating from the University of San Diego with a degree in economics and finance, Michael joined Santa Monica Seafood. Like other family members, he worked in every facet of the business, including retail and wholesale operations, before moving into sales. Over the last 27 years, his vast knowledge of the seafood industry has garnered high-profile accounts and alliances with top chefs throughout the U.S.

Cigliano has spearheaded his company's efforts in sustainability and resource management. He has served on the board of the California Fisheries and Seafood Institute for the past 16 years and sits on the steering committee for the Sustainable Seafood Forum at the Aquarium of the Pacific. He's also appeared on Food Network, Fine Living, ABC, NBC and CBS, as well as "Visiting with Huell Houser" on PBS.

### 10th Street Café

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<http://www.santamonica seafood.com/retail-10thst.htm>

*Orange Rosemary Marinated Grilled Halibut is served at 10th Street Café for \$15.95 as an entrée including rice pilaf and vegetables. This recipe makes 4 restaurant servings of fish.*

### Orange Rosemary Marinated Grilled Halibut

Michael Cigliano of 10th Street Café

4 restaurant servings


### INGREDIENTS

- 3 Tablespoons dry Pinot Grigio
- 3 Tablespoons fresh orange juice and zest
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon chopped rosemary, fresh
- Four halibut steaks, (6 ounces each)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

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## **Elixir Gaming Technologies Names Traci Mangini Senior Vice President Corporate Finance**

### **Former Wall Street Gaming Industry Analyst to Head Investor Relations**

LAS VEGAS & MACAU--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Elixir Gaming Technologies, Inc. (AMEX:EGT) ("Elixir Gaming") announced today that Traci Mangini has been named Senior Vice President Corporate Finance, a new position at the Company. In her new role, Ms. Mangini will report directly to David Reberger, Elixir Gaming's Chief Financial Officer. The appointment is effective from Monday June 9, 2008.

At Elixir Gaming, Ms. Mangini will manage and expand the Company's comprehensive worldwide financial community and shareholder communications program and financial functions, including fiscal and SEC reporting, corporate analysis and merger and acquisition strategy. Ms. Mangini will work with Mr. Reberger and the Company's investor relations firm, Jaffoni & Collins, to develop further awareness and understanding of Elixir Gaming's operations and growth opportunities among a broad group of constituents including institutional and retail investors, analysts and the media.

Ms. Mangini most recently worked at ThinkPanmure where she was a Partner and senior research analyst responsible for coverage of companies in the domestic and international gaming sector including Cash Systems, Inc., Elixir Gaming Technologies, Fortunet, Inc., Gametech International, Inc., Gaming Partners International Corporation, Gigamedia Limited, Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc., Progressive Gaming International and WPT Enterprises, Inc. Prior to joining ThinkPanmure in 2003, she was a Vice President and Research Analyst at Merriman Curhan Ford & Company and at First Security Van Kasper (Wells Fargo Securities), where she covered consumer companies. She began her career at Montgomery Securities in 1997.

David Reberger commented, "Traci is an ideal candidate to lead our worldwide shareholder communications efforts while adding increased depth to our financial reporting and analysis department. As a former highly regarded gaming company analyst, she brings excellent analytical and communications skills, a deep understanding of Elixir Gaming's strategies and prospects, strong institutional investor relationships and in-depth knowledge of the worldwide gaming markets to this new position.






Our business model and activities are generating increasing interest from the financial community and the investing public. As such, we welcome Traci to the Elixir Gaming team as we work to increase our interaction and contact with the financial community."

Traci Mangini earned a Master of Science in Quantitative Analysis from Boston University and received her BA in Finance from the University of San Diego.

#### **About Elixir Gaming Technologies, Inc.**

Elixir Gaming Technologies Inc. (AMEX:EGT) is a member of Elixir Group, an innovator of gaming technology solutions and a wholly owned subsidiary of Melco International Development Limited. Elixir Gaming, in collaboration with Elixir International (which is also a member of Elixir Group), secures long-term contracts to provide comprehensive turn-key solutions to 3, 4 and 5 star hotels, cruise ships and other well-located venues throughout Asia that seek to offer casino gaming products. Elixir International assists the venue and venue owner with the licensing and regulatory process, physical casino design, construction management, slot and game floor design layout, purchases the gaming machines and systems from the industry's leading gaming equipment suppliers and installs the gaming machines and systems such that the casino is delivered in a fully operational state. Elixir Gaming retains ownership of the gaming machines and systems and receives recurring daily fee of at least 20% of the net gaming win per machine and provides on-site maintenance. The Company has established a strategic presence in the Asia Pacific region with participation contracts in the Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam and other Asian markets. For more information please visit [www.elixirgaming.com](http://www.elixirgaming.com).

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## Ric Schroder Named SBA Loan Manager at First Business Bank

SAN DIEGO, May 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- First Business Bank (OTC Bulletin Board: FBBN) has announced that Ric Schroder has been hired as Senior Vice President and SBA Loan Manager, responsible for the bank's SBA and commercial real estate loan programs.

Schroder was most recently with Temecula Valley Bank in 2007 and early 2008 and held a similar position with 1st Pacific Bank of California from 2003-2007. He has spent his entire career in the San Diego banking market and worked previously in lending at First National Bank, Valley Independent Bank, Rancho Vista National Bank and The Money Store Investment Corp.

Nathan Rogge, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Business Bank, said, "Ric is an experienced loan officer who has excellent contacts in the local business community and adds real depth to our commercial and real estate lending team."

Schroder received his Bachelor's degree in Finance from Drake University and an MBA from the University of San Diego.

First Business Bank is exclusively focused on serving the special needs of professionals and small and medium-sized enterprises. Established in 2001, First Business Bank is dedicated to providing business professionals with simple, fast and effective solutions. Experienced bankers deliver highly tailored financial solutions while providing customers with educational and networking opportunities. For more information, contact First Business Bank at (858) 847-4780 or (858) 847-4781 (facsimile), 12265 El Camino Real, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92130, or visit the company's website at <http://www.fbbank.com>.

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## **Eric Lofgren Joins Burnham Institute for Medical Research as Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer**

LA JOLLA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Eric Lofgren has joined Burnham Institute for Medical Research (Burnham) as Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Lofgren joins Burnham from SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation) where he worked for 19 years in a variety of financial and administrative positions. He was most recently the Vice President and Business Unit Controller for the Information Technology Services Business Unit, a unit with a budget of \$180 million and 800 employees.

From 2000 – 2005, Lofgren worked as Vice President and Corporate Planning Manager, a position where he was responsible for briefing SAIC's senior management team on financial results and annual projections. He has significant experience in public accounting and working with government contracts and government auditors.

"We are confident that Eric's experience will be invaluable as our multi-site Institute continues its rapid growth," said Karin Eastham, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Burnham.

Lofgren graduated from University of San Diego with a BBA in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting in 1987.

Burnham Institute for Medical Research is dedicated to revealing the fundamental molecular causes of disease and devising the innovative therapies of tomorrow. Burnham is one of the fastest growing research institutes in the country with operations in California and Florida. The Institute ranks among the top four institutions nationally for NIH grant funding and among the top 25 organizations worldwide for its research impact. Burnham utilizes a unique, collaborative approach to medical research and has established major research programs in cancer, neurodegeneration, diabetes, infectious and inflammatory and childhood diseases. The Institute is known for its world-class capabilities in stem cell research and drug discovery technologies. Burnham is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation. For more information, please visit [www.burnham.org](http://www.burnham.org).

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## WD-40 COMPANY; Rembolt Named CFO of WD-40 Company

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WD-40 Company (NASDAQ:WDFC) announced Jay Rembolt has been appointed chief financial officer. Rembolt has more than 20 years of public accounting and financial experience and has served as the company's vice president, finance/controller since 2001 (see also WD-40 Company).

Michael Irwin, who has served as WD-40 Company CFO since 2001, will now serve in a newly created position of executive vice president, strategic development, and will lead WD-40 Company's merger and acquisition activities. "Mike has built a strong financial team in-house with solid succession planning and he will now focus his expertise and experience on the development aspect of our business," said Garry Ridge, WD-40 Company president and chief executive officer.

"Jay's financial background and his experience as controller, combined with his deep understanding of WD-40 Company makes him the ideal choice for CFO," said Ridge.

Prior to joining WD-40 Company in 1997, Rembolt served in a variety of positions, including consulting roles in the tax practice of the public accounting firm Price Waterhouse LLP, now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, from 1991 to 1997.

Rembolt has a master of science in accountancy and taxation from San Diego State University and also has a master of science in executive leadership from the University of San Diego.

"In his new role, Jay will not only be responsible for overall financial reporting and performance, but also risk management and financial analysis," said Ridge.

WD-40 Company, with headquarters in San Diego, is a global consumer products company dedicated to building brand equities that are first or second choice in their respective categories. The company will leverage and build the brand fortress of WD-40 Company by developing and acquiring brands that deliver a unique high value to end users and that can be distributed across multiple trade channels in one or more areas of the world. WD-40 Company produces multi-purpose lubricants, WD-40(R), and 3-IN-ONE(R), the Lava(R) and Solvol(R) brands of heavy-duty hand cleaners, and household products 2000 Flushes(R), X-14(R), Carpet Fresh(R), Spot Shot(R) and 1001(R). WD-40 Company markets its products in more than 160 countries worldwide and recorded sales of \$307.8 million in fiscal 2007. Additional information about WD-40 Company can be obtained online at <http://www.wd40.com/>.

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### Brown-Forman Names Director of Corporate Affairs

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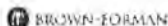
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. - (Business Wire) Brown-Forman (NYSE:BFB) (NYSE:BFA) announced today the appointment of James A. O'Malley as the company's director of corporate affairs, effective June 9, 2008.

In this newly created position, O'Malley will be responsible for overseeing the global external activities of the company, including those related to social, community, economic, government, and environmental responsibility, with particular emphasis on the company's responsibilities and rights as a beverage alcohol producer. He will also lead the company's global communication efforts, including public relations and internal communication. He will report to the Brown-Forman Vice Chairman Jim Welch.

"We are thrilled to have Jim join the leadership team at Brown-Forman," Welch stated. "Jim's wide array of experiences and proven track record as a strong leader and consensus builder will greatly benefit our work at Brown-Forman as we continue to enhance our already excellent reputation in our industry and the communities where we live and work."

O'Malley comes to Brown-Forman from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), where he was senior vice president of public affairs. Overseeing the AICPA's Washington, D.C. office, he directed the organization's activities in the areas of congressional and political affairs, regulatory affairs, relations with state CPA societies, international services and media relations and communications.

His previous experiences include serving as chairman of the creative and advertising practice of Burson-Marsteller, one of the world's largest public relations firms, as well as holding senior posts in governmental affairs and communications at several organizations.

O'Malley is a graduate of the University of San Diego, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a J.D. He and his wife, Joanne, and their children will relocate to Louisville this summer.

Brown-Forman is a producer and marketer of fine quality beverage alcohol brands, including Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort, Finlandia Vodka, Tequila Herradura, el Jimador Tequila, Canadian Mist, Fetzer and Bolla Wines, and Korbel Champagne.

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### PEACE AND PROSPERITY THROUGH TRADE AND COMMERCE

Prominent business leaders will meet today to discuss corporate citizenship and economically sustainable business operations.  
**Organization:** San Diego World Trade Center (SDWTC) **Information:** [www.sdwtc.org](http://www.sdwtc.org) **Cost:** \$75.00- \$100.00 **When:** Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110, Venue Phone - (619) 260-7509

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## Memorial Day shifts into short event week

### On the Agenda

By Christine Meade

SAN DIEGO — Memorial Day weekend — the unofficial start of summer — kicks off a week of local events that should keep the San Diego community busy after the barbecues have been extinguished.

**Qualcomm's**

(Nasdaq: QCOM) BREW 2008 and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Awards Luncheon and Expo lead the short week.

Qualcomm features its BREW 2008 conference at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Wednesday. The event offers a variety of programming sessions and panel discussions focusing on trends in the wireless industry. Call (858) 658-1805 for more information.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts the Small Business Awards Luncheon and Business Expo Wednesday from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. The expo caters to businesses of all sizes and will provide information on improving visibility through efficiency and affordability. For more information, call (619) 544-1370.

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After Five Mixer sets up shop at the Town and Country Convention Center Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The event gives participants the opportunity to meet local companies to help save money and grow their own

businesses. Call (619) 544-1370 for more information.

The Asian Business Association of San Diego holds a Pacific Rim Entrepreneur Series 101 at the Catamaran Resort Hotel Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The seminar will coach those interested in being a vendor for local agencies and the SAIC. For more information, call (858) 277-2822.

The Lawyers Club of San Diego hosts its 2008 annual dinner at the US Grant Hotel Thursday at 5 p.m. The evening will feature a presentation of the Lawyers Club Icon Award given to Helen Thomas. Call (619) 544-1478 for more information.

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Trade Center heads to the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at USD Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for "Peace and Prosperity through Trade and Commerce." The event features business leaders discussing corporate citizenship and economically sustainable business operations. For more information, visit [www.sdwtc.org](http://www.sdwtc.org).

The Sharp HealthCare Foundation brings the Women's Health Conference to the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The conference provides interactive health education for its participants. Call (800) 82-SHARP for further details.



# SAN DIEGO MAY/JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May

### 16 Friday

The San Diego Museum of Man hosts its 25th Annual Indian Fair and Market, May 16-18. This event features local, national, and international Native American artists who participate in juried competition and present their art for sale to the visiting public. The museum is located at 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park. For more information, visit the museum's website at [www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org).

### 18 Sunday

The Association for Preserving Historical Accuracy of Foreign Invasions in China is holding a film premiere of "Iris Chang—the Rape of Nanking" and its 6th Annual Meeting, following the film. The movie will be shown at UltraStar Cinema in Mission Valley from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The 6th Annual Meeting will be held at Jasmine Restaurant located at 4609 Conroy St. in San Diego, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and will feature Dr. Shui Jin Chang, Iris's father, and Dr. Ying Ying Chang, Iris's mother. "The Rape of Nanking" movie tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students. For the annual meeting, tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$20 for students. For further information, call Hanglan Sha, 856-509-1888.

The Raag and Taal Academy presents the Legacy Concert, an evening of North Indian instrumental classical music at 6 p.m. in the Neurosciences Institute located at 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. The concert features a four-member Hindustani classical ensemble consisting of two acclaimed father and son duos - Sri Pariba Chatterjee and

Purbayan Chatterjee, and Parthi Anand Chatterjee and Sri Anubrata Chatterjee. General admission tickets are \$30 and \$20 for students (w/ID), seniors and children. VIP Admission tickets are \$50. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.raagandtaal.sandiego.org/currentevents.htm](http://www.raagandtaal.sandiego.org/currentevents.htm).

### 22 Thursday

Friction Entertainment hosts a premier nightlife event at Bar West in Pacific Beach. To help celebrate their graduation, table service specials and free admission before 11 p.m. are available for San Diego State University students, with a valid student ID. Discounted admission is also available before 10:30 p.m. with guestlist sign-ups. Discounted drink specials will be running all night. Bar West is located at 959 Hurlblend Street. Ample street and lot parking is available nearby. For more information or for guestlist, visit the website at [www.frictionent.com](http://www.frictionent.com) or email [liffany@frictionent.com](mailto:liffany@frictionent.com).

### 24 Saturday

Sino-American Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Professionals Association hosts its 3rd Personal and Professional Development series seminar titled "Unlock your Potential to Achieve: Get Ahead in Your Career" from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room S5-104 of the Science Building in Miramar College. SABAIPA was founded by professionals and scholars from the San Diego community to network pharmaceutical and biotech opportunities. The seminar features a variety of speakers to help attendees improve communication and leadership skills in their professional careers. The cost is \$20 and \$10 for students and post-docs. For more information or for registration details, visit the organization's website at [www.sabaipa.org](http://www.sabaipa.org).

## Highlight...



On Saturday, June 27 The Museum of Photographic Arts hosts a gala titled "Passage to India," featuring the exhibition *Humanitas: Images of India* by Fredric Roberts at 7 p.m. The night also celebrates Indian culture and features a night of exquisite photography, vibrant dance, food and entertainment. Proceeds benefit programs and exhibitions at MoPA. For further information or to reserve your ticket, call 619.238.7559 x 227 or visit [www.mopa.org](http://www.mopa.org).

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The San Diego Community Development Institute, in partnership with San Diego's Filipino American community hosts a Filipino American Unity Event ONE to draw together thousands of Filipino Americans across the country from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Kimball Park located in National City. Highlights of the celebration activities include performance by acclaimed artists Solution from Los Angeles, Freda Simone from Oxnard, and San Diego's own

Q:YORK. There will also be a surprise guest appearance by a nationally well-known virtuoso/artist. For more information, including volunteer, vendor, and sponsorship opportunities, contact Natalie Lawson at 619-292-1224 or Aileen Elegado-Catapanan at 619-921-9355.

### 25 Sunday

Jake Shimabukuro brings his eclectic mix to San Clemente for a concert at The Surfing Heritage Foundation located at 110 Calle Iglesia. VIP tickets are \$75 and include dinner, drinks, prime seating, and a 5:30 p.m. admission. Regular tickets are sold for \$25, and general admission will open at 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. with the opening act of Jay Kanter, surf comedian. For more info or to purchase tickets, call 949-366-0313.

### 27 Tuesday

The Asian Business Association of San Diego hosts its May Rice Club Luncheon from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Jasmine Seafood Restaurant located at 4609 Conroy Street. The event features guest speaker Perry M. Dealy, President and CEO of Dealy Development, Inc. The cost for the event is \$25 for ABA members, \$30 for non-members, and \$40 at the door. Register by May 23rd to be a part of the luncheon. Visit [www.abasand.org](http://www.abasand.org) to register or e-mail [enca@abasand.org](mailto:enca@abasand.org) for more information.

### 30 Friday

The San Diego World Trade Center presents a summit titled "Peace and Prosperity through Trade and Commerce" from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice located at the University of San Diego. The sum-

mit will discuss the opportunities that trade and commerce have in addressing global peace and prosperity. For more information or to register, visit [sdwtc.org](http://sdwtc.org).

## June

### 8 Sunday

The San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre is hosting a summer fundraiser at the Mingos International Museum in Balboa Park from 5-8 p.m. There will be a reading from its fall production of "The Joy Luck Club," dance performances, food, private tours of the museum, a unique auction and raffle items. Be a part of this special event and help support the San Diego AART. The admission price is \$50. For more information, visit [www.asianamericanrep.org/season.html](http://www.asianamericanrep.org/season.html).

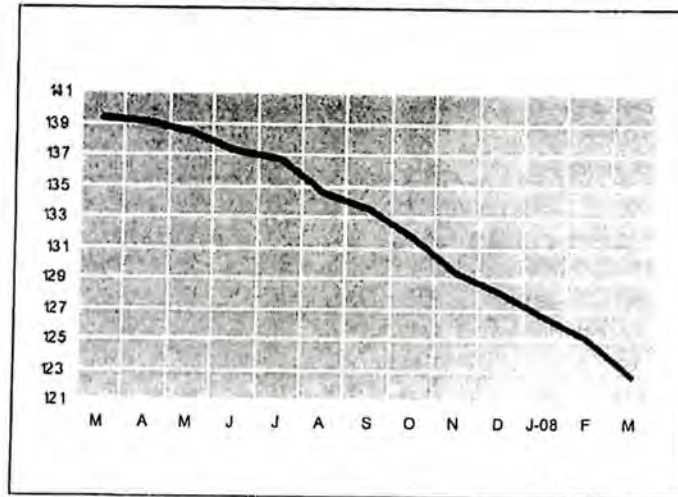
### 11 Wednesday

Southwestern Center for Asian Pacific American Law will host the free Community Law Clinic "Family Law: Divorce and Domestic Violence" from 6:30 p.m. at Montgomery Middle School located at 2470 Ulrey St. in Linda Vista. Seating is limited. For pre-registered seating or more info, call SCAPAL at 858-571-9070 or email [info@scapal.org](mailto:info@scapal.org).

# San Diego Daily Transcript

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## Leading economic indicators



Source: University of San Diego

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 wanted advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Alan Gin, an urban economics professor at the University of San Diego. The highest monthly rate is 139.3 in March 2007.

**School of Law**

May 20, 2008

## Local law schools' bar results trending upward

By DOUG SHERWIN  
*The Daily Transcript*

SAN DIEGO — The State Bar of California reported this weekend that 39.6 percent of applicants passed February's general bar exam, including 53 percent of first-time takers.

If the 1,797 people who passed February's exam satisfy other requirements for admission, they will become members of the State Bar.

The three-day General Bar Examination is given twice a year, in February and July. The exam consists of three sections: a multiple-choice Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), six essay questions and two performance tests designed to assess an applicant's ability to apply general legal knowledge to practical tasks.

This February's results represented a 3 percent improvement in the total passage rate from February 2007, although the number of first-time test takers who passed last year remained the same (53.1 percent).

Last July, when passage numbers are traditionally higher, 56.1 percent of applicants passed the California bar exam, including 68.9 percent of first-time takers.

While the results of how individual schools fared during the February 2008 exam won't be available for several weeks, officials at the local law schools are confident their passage rates will be positive.

Rudy Hasl, dean of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, said he expects about 60 percent of his school's first-time takers passed the exam, right in line with the 62 percent passage rate for first-timers from California ABA-accredited schools.

"It's continuing the upward trend we've been trying to achieve, especially in comparison to where we were a few years ago," he said. "I think we've seen a steady increase, and I think we've been more comparative with the other ABA-

approved schools."

Hasl said the school reached a low passage rate of 30 percent several years ago.

In February 2007, however, Thomas Jefferson's passage rate for first-time takers was 61 percent while last July, 56 percent of its first-timers passed.

"There was not a sufficient emphasis on the bar results in what we were doing in the school," Hasl said. "Subsequently we've engaged a group of individuals who work with our students in the final year and then in the time after graduation in order to get them ready for the bar exam."

California Western School of Law also has seen a rise in its bar passage rate. In February 2007, 66 percent of its first-time applicants passed — tops among area schools — while last July, the passage rate for first-timers was 71 percent.

"Our goal is to continue to improve our bar performances, and so, for a number of years now, we have been developing various programs to assist our students in that effort," said William Aceves, Cal Western's associate dean for academic affairs. "We have complemented the academic program with a focus on the bar examination, trying to find the right balance between the two."

"Our primary goal is to train students to be effective lawyers, and that set of skills is far beyond the bare skill sets needed to pass the bar."

The University of San Diego School of Law posted the best results among local schools during the July 2007 exam.

Eighty percent of first-time applicants passed the bar (200 of 251), more than 11 percent better than the overall average and 4 percent higher than that of California's ABA-approved schools.

In February 2007, only 42 USD School of Law students took the exam for the first time, with 25 passing for a passage rate of 60 percent.

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## Eight join Athens' Wall of Honor

BY TIFFANY PEDEN  
STAFF WRITER

ATHENS — The Athens Area School District welcomed eight new honorees onto its Wall of Honor on Friday in front of an audience of the honorees family members and the students of Athens High School.

The 2008 Wall of Honor Inductees were Vali Chandrasekaran, Kevin Cole, Richard Jackson, Edward Jones, James Priestler, Joseph Tanfani, Janet Gabriel Turner and Robert Weiss.

"They've all achieved success in unique ways, and we honor them today at their humble beginnings at Athens High," Athens Superintendent Doug Ulkins said.

"Our alumni and people who have come through our high school year after year, and go out to the community and do good things, are so important to the high school," said Beth Schultz, principal of Athens High School. "All of those things reflect on us, on the students, on staff and on the faculty."

Chandrasekaran, who could not be at the ceremony, graduated from Athens in 1999. After graduating, Ulkins said he went to Harvard University, studied computer science and wrote for the college's humor magazine, "The Harvard Lampoon."

He graduated from Harvard, worked for a while as a business strategy consultant, and then left that job to write for the sitcom "My Name is Earl," Ulkins said.

Jackson, who was also unable to be at the ceremony, graduated from Athens in 1952. Ulkins said he then attended Cornell University, playing three sports, and becoming the first black man to be named team captain at Cornell.

Graduating with a degree in history and economics, Jackson worked at IBM for 32 years, and married Miss Tennessee State of 1956, Ulkins said.

A member of the Athens Class of 1975, Cole went to New College in Florida and the Pennsylvania School of Law after leaving Athens, Ulkins said.

Cole then was the research and writing editor for the "University of Pennsylvania Law Review," served as a law clerk for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, joined the University of San Diego School of Law, and was named Dean of the School of Law in 2006, Ulkins said.

"If I had to give you two bits of advice," Cole said to the students, "the first bit of advice would be to identify what you think success will be for you, and the second would be invest in yourself to achieve success."

He said it would be harder for today's students to invest in themselves because kids today have what he did not when he was growing up.

"I graduated from college four months before ESPN first televised, and four years before MTV," he said. "We invested in ourselves and we worked hard to acquire skills because we were bored."

Cole advised the students to balance having fun and gaining knowledge.

Jones, Athens class of 1962, attended a six-year medical program at Boston University and did post-graduate work at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Ulkins said.

When he came back to Athens, Ulkins said Jones became department chair of the Robert Packer Hospital Emergency room, among other titles in the Guthrie Healthcare System.

"To me, it's just such an honor to be recognized by school board, administration, your teachers, the staff, and by you, the students, because you're what still makes Athens Area Schools great," Jones said.

Jones said considers himself lucky to have grown up in Athens, and said many of his teachers he had were great and inspiring to him.

At one point in his career, Jones said he was offered the opportunity to be an astronaut, but instead he said he chose to come back to Athens.

"Athens is where I feel my heart and soul are," he said.

Tanfani, who graduated from Athens in 1975, worked part time for WATS-WAVR radio before attending Lycoming College, where he was the editor of the college paper, Ulkins said.

Graduating, Tanfani then worked at the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, The Press in Atlantic City, and the Miami Herald where he would eventually win the 1999 Pulitzer Prize, Ulkins said. He is now an investigations editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"I think that we were lucky to have teachers who seemed to believe that we were smart, that we had some potential, and that we had a decent shot at success," Tanfani said of he and the other Athens alumni.

He encouraged the students to find something they love to do and embrace it.

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### Weak on Child Abuse

Maryland rates an F.

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A 2-YEAR-OLD Baltimore girl died last year after swallowing methadone, and Maryland child welfare officials publicly owned up to their failings. They rightly said that shining a light on their handling of the case, with all its tragic shortcomings, would lead to remedies that just might save the next Bryanna Harris. It's troubling, then, that Maryland's law governing the release of information in child abuse and neglect cases is one of the worst in the country.

Maryland was one of 10 states that received an F grade from national child advocacy groups studying compliance with federal disclosure rules. The District was awarded a B-minus and Virginia got a C-minus in the April report. The Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law and D.C.-based First Star faulted Maryland for giving administrators wide discretion to withhold information and for closing court hearings. Particularly bothersome is a provision that permits disclosure only in abuse or neglect cases in which criminal charges have been filed. Harm to a child shouldn't be kept secret just because prosecutors don't have evidence to bring charges. And why should the public's right to information depend on the predilection of a particular officeholder? There is no question that Human Resources Secretary [Brenda Donald](#) has made transparency a priority, but only a change in state law will ensure public access to all the facts.

Efforts to make this change have never gotten far in the General Assembly. That's part of an unfortunate pattern by Maryland lawmakers to look unkindly on bills that would toughen protections for children and women. Maryland does not have a child neglect statute in its criminal code. Domestic violence victims must meet an unnecessarily rigorous standard of proof to obtain protection orders. In the just-concluded session, legislators rejected a number of common-sense initiatives, such as those denying paternity rights to rapists whose victims have children. Their demise, as The Post's [Lisa Rein](#) reported, came at the hands of an influential House committee dominated by defense attorneys.

Ms. Donald told us she will shortly convene a work session with child advocates and other stakeholders to look at the state's laws and come up with reforms that make sense for children. Let's hope it's a step in forcing a much-needed change in attitude in Annapolis.

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## Editorial: Data could help keep children safer

### Compromise to ensure privacy while allowing access to child abuse records

*Editorial Board  
Argus Leader*

Nobody enjoys hearing the graphic details of severe child abuse.

When we do learn of a case, our first instinct is to see that the perpetrator gets justice - and that the victim is protected.

Perhaps a protective instinct is behind South Dakota's stance on disclosure of information about cases of fatal or near-fatal abuse.

Privacy of a victim, particularly a child who always will have to live with the memory of such abuse, is an important consideration.

But it isn't difficult to imagine circumstances under which opening such records could help rather than harm victims of abuse. People who study public policy, whether in government, education or the private sector, need access to those kinds of records in order to review how effective the state is at preventing, responding to and investigating violence against those least able to defend themselves.

This lack of openness was what prompted the nonprofit organization First Star and the University of San Diego School of Law's Children's Advocacy Institute to give South Dakota an "F" for our policies on near-fatal and fatal child abuse cases.

One concern for state officials is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the federal law that requires strict privacy for all medical information.

But the state keeps thousands of statistics, including many health statistics, and it seems likely that it could retain children's privacy while allowing access to details that would help policymakers improve laws to better protect children.

Without overstating the issue on this subject, a dearth of information could prove fatal.

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### State's secret

Originally published May 10, 2008

All 50 states and the District of Columbia were evaluated. A score of 59 or below earned a grade of "F." Ten states got that grade. Maryland was among them.

The "subject" we failed was Disclosure 101 — the overriding discipline that governs the release of information to the public in the wake of child fatalities and near-fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.

If you get your hands on the report issued this month by two organizations dedicated to protecting, representing and improving the lot of children, you can read all about it.

The Children's Advocacy Institute of the University of San Diego Law School partnered with Washington-based national public charity, First Star, to produce the 78-page publication: "State Secrecy and Child Deaths in the U.S.: an Evaluation of Public Disclosure Practices about Child Abuse or Neglect Fatalities or Near Fatalities, with State Rankings." It shows, among other things, that Maryland's disclosure policy story is primarily one of nondisclosure.

And that should be no surprise.

Even the spokeswoman for the Maryland Department of Human Services, Elyn Jones, admitted Maryland's F-grade was pretty much to be expected, adding that the state's excessive restrictiveness with regard to information disclosure in this arena has long been taken to task by lawyers as well as the media.

Good news first: The report's Maryland-specific data shows that our state earned the highest of marks in two instances: We scored 40 out of a possible 40 points for having a state policy regarding the public disclosure of findings or information about child abuse or neglect that result in a fatality or near fatality; and we got 10 out of a possible 10 points for codifying that policy in statute.

It's pretty much downhill from there.

Some of the issues: In Maryland, the local director or secretary "may" disclose information concerning child abuse or neglect, but only if the alleged abuser or neglecter has been charged with a crime related to the report of same; and, even if/when information is authorized, its scope can be severely limited at the discretion of the director or secretary based upon a series of "best interest"

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determinations. Finally, there's the fact that any/all child abuse/neglect proceedings are closed to the public. Period.

Did you hear that?

It's the sound of silence. Not the Simon-and-Garfunkle kind, but the code kind, as in Code of Silence -- the tacit protocol most powerfully and recently demonstrated in the long-perpetuated Catholic priest scandal and typified by the Mafia-signature/stereotype omerta.

A little too dramatic?

Perhaps.

But the consideration remains that Maryland's hyper-restrictive information disclosure policies toward child neglecters, abusers and murderers may also act to shield the perpetrators, act as barriers to justice and keep us from doing our very best jobs as protectors of our children.

Change may be forthcoming.

According to Jones, the current head of Maryland's human resources department, Brenda Donald, is committed to working at "being more open and more approachable as it relates to these types of issues."

Thank you, Brenda.

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Missouri does a better job than most releasing information about fatal and near-fatal cases of child abuse, scoring a B- in a new report by two national child advocacy groups.

Just six states received an A or A-. The report gave 10 states a failing grade.

Missouri's 80 percent score places it above 28 other states, but it may deserve extra credit for recent efforts.

The state lost points in the report's evaluation because the Missouri statute regarding disclosure, passed in 2000, makes the release of records optional and does not spell out what records should be released when a child dies or is seriously injured.

According to state law, the release of records "is at the sole discretion of the director of the department of social services, based upon a review of the potential harm to other children within the immediate family."

In practice, DSS has interpreted the law liberally since the murder of 2-year-old Dominic James by his foster father in 2002 led to wide-ranging reforms of Missouri's child welfare system.

The News-Leader successfully sued the then-Division of Family Services for access to Dominic's case files, the first time the law had been used.

Saying the case provided guidance about what could be released under the law, subsequent DSS directors have pledged to be as open as possible with case files of killed or injured children.

Since the News-Leader's lawsuit, the department has released the case files of about 75 children, said DSS spokeswoman Sara Anderson.

In that time, only one request has been denied, she said, because of concerns for the safety of other children living in the home.

"It's always the director's discretion, but the one thing they really focus on is how it will affect the siblings," Anderson said.

She noted that reports generated by the State Technical Assistance Team -- which separately investigates many child deaths -- are often public record, as well.


"That does help us in terms of being open to the public," Anderson said.

She said changing the law to address the report's criticisms would be up to state legislators.


"Overall, we're happy with the report," she said. "We feel like we follow the state law and are as open as it allows us to be."

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Web gambling ban totally unworkable Las Vegas Review-Journal (Nevada) May 5, 2008 Monday

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To the editor:

As the Nevada director for the Poker Players Alliance, a grass-roots poker advocacy group with more than 1 million members nationwide and 12,870 in Nevada, I was concerned to read that Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., wants to speed up enforcement of the vaguely and broadly written law banning Internet gambling - the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act ("Internet gambling ban architect frustrated with regulation delays," Wednesday Review-Journal).

Frankly, the confusion regulators are dealing with as they develop the regulations to enforce the law is a direct result of how this act was written and sneaked into a must-pass port security bill in the dead of night, allowing no time for review and debate.

One of the most egregious flaws in the bill is that it does not define "unlawful Internet gambling," clearly something that legislation making Internet gambling unlawful should include.

This law is clearly unworkable, as regulators, bankers and several members of Nevada's congressional delegation have publicly stated. To truly place checks and balances on Internet gambling, Congress should look to existing legislation that would seek to regulate online gambling in order to protect children and problem gamblers and collect the billions of dollars in lost tax revenue from these transactions.

Let's not blame regulators for struggling to enact his flawed and ambiguous bill and start looking for workable solutions to truly regulate this growing online industry.

Ken Ilgen

Las Vegas

The writer is Nevada director of the Poker Players Alliance.

\* Child abuse disclosure ↓

To the editor:

In response to your Tuesday report, "Group gives Nevada high mark for child abuse policies":

I applaud the Nevada Legislature for voting in the most recent session to broaden the laws providing for public disclosure of child abuse fatalities. However, this article, about a recent report that gave Nevada a grade of "A" for its disclosure policies, failed to note the report's limitations. While the report examined state disclosure policies, it did not determine if or how these policies are being implemented. Obviously, such testing would require much more time and resources.

I commend First Star and the **Children's Advocacy Institute**, which authored the report, for calling attention to the issue of disclosure around child abuse fatalities. Despite a federal law mandating such disclosure, many states do not provide it. It is now up to the public to test whether Nevada and other states that received high grades are implementing their policies effectively.

Donna Coleman

Henderson

Illegals and health care

To the editor:

I found it ironic that on the day before "May Day," when pro-illegal alien groups around the country marched again to request "rights for illegals," that the Review-Journal articles "Hospitals seek cash before chemo" and "More providers in LV Valley now billing in advance" said nothing about one of the main causes of the financial problems in our hospitals - illegal aliens getting medical care for free.

Nowhere in either of these two articles is there any mention made about the main reason for non-payment of medical bills - illegal immigrants.

Pretty sad when American citizens are paying the price (literally and figuratively) when it comes to illegal aliens and the drain they put on our health care and hospital systems.

Colleen Anna

Henderson

Water boondoggle

To the editor:

Very soon, we are going to be forced to approve the construction of a water pipeline from Northern Nevada to supply the water needs of formerly "fast-growing" Southern Nevada. Of course, the cost of the water pipeline will be paid by Clark County taxpayers, and its estimated cost has bounced from \$2 billion to \$3.5 billion.

The push is being led by Pat Mulroy, the Southern Nevada Water Authority head honcho. I saw her on TV a while back, and she railed at the idea that this was nothing but a union-backed boondoggle that mostly helps developers and builders. Like the "Big Dig" in Boston.

I just happened to read about a desalination plant under construction in Sydney, Australia. Sydney was plagued by drought for a number of years, so officials decided to build a controversial plant to boost supplies. The original cost was estimated to be \$500 million. But now it's about three-quarters done, and the cost is expected to be more than \$1.9 billion. And, of course, it's now raining like crazy, and the city's reservoirs are filling up without the plant.

But the construction of the plant is going forward. This from Sydney Morning Herald columnist Miranda Devine: "Water Minister Nathan Rees - nicknamed Sergeant Schultz by Sydney residents because, like

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## Doctor Check-Up

*Peggy Pico, NBC 7/39 Medical Reporter*

More than 124,000 doctors are licensed to practice medicine in California. How can you find one with a clean record?

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After months of investigation, NBC 7/39 discovered a complicated system critics say may protect doctors more than it does patients.

The California State Medical Board regulates doctor's licenses. They accept patient complaints and investigate alleged problem doctors.

Karen Fletcher, 48, said she was left disfigured and in pain as a result of her doctor's work.

"I told him it was hurting me to smile," she told NBC 7/39.

She filed a formal complaint with the California State Medical Board. They rejected it as having no merit.

"In my opinion, they're protecting the doctor," Fletcher said.

The state medical board does not reveal complaints or lawsuits filed against a doctor unless they result in a disciplinary action or judgment against the doctor.

"I have a patient right now who had an incident with a surgeon and found out the surgeon had over 30 medical board complaints -- but when you go on the Web site, you don't see any of them," said plastic surgeon Dr. Munish Batra.

"I think they should know about the complaint. The complaint should be public information," said Dr. Dennis Nigro, a plastic surgeon.

But Nigro stressed patients should have access to a doctor's legal history and prior medical board complaints, as long as it is looked at in its context.

According to the American Society for Plastic Surgeons, one to two lawsuits are reported every two years for the average plastic surgeon.

"The disclosure might tarnish a doctors reputation, if the complaint or lawsuit if frivolous," said [Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth of the USD School of Law.](#)

But, if a lawsuit settles -- even in arbitration -- by law it is supposed to be posted on the medical board's Web site.

"They disclose the doctor's license, the status of licenses, if a doctor has been convicted of crimes, specifically felonies. They also disclose misdemeanors," Fellmeth said.

It's information a patient can find by clicking on the "Check Your Doctor Icon," on the board's Web site.

If you want more information, a records search at the county courthouse will reveal the number of lawsuits filed against a doctor.

For instance, court records revealed more than 40 lawsuits filed against Nigro since he began his career in 1978. It breaks down to 28 malpractice lawsuits, 10 negligence, and eight personal injury lawsuits.

It may seem like a lot at first, but Nigro said over the past 30 years, most of those cases were dismissed or settled for small amounts of money. They're not required to be posted on the board's Web site.

Fletcher said in her case, it was the number of lawsuits she found in a court records search that alarmed her.

"I found 44. I was appalled," she said.

But Nigro said the more plastic surgery cases a doctor performs, the more likely the doctor will be sued.

"I've worked very hard in the last 30 years and I've done a lot of surgery. If you look at my cases, there's nothing egregious about them -- however people are entitled to that information," Nigro said.

It's information easily found on the Web site -- including doctors who have been convicted of a crime or who are put on probation by the board, or have had their license suspended or revoked.

From 2006 to 2007, of the 124,000 doctors in California, the state medical board received over 7,000 written complaints. Of those, 44 resulted in a doctor's suspension and 34 licenses were revoked.

For more information on your doctor, visit the State Board's Web site.

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## Hedge Funds in Swaps Face Peril With Rising Junk Bond Defaults

By David Evans



May 20 (Bloomberg) -- It's Friday, March 14, and hedge fund adviser Tim Backshall is trying to stave off panic. Backshall sits in the Walnut Creek, California, office of his firm, Credit Derivatives Research LLC, at a U-shaped desk dominated by five computer monitors.

Bear Stearns Cos. shares have plunged 50 percent since trading began today, and his fund manager clients, some of whom have their cash and other accounts at Bear, worry that the bank is on the verge of bankruptcy. They're unsure whether they should protect their assets by purchasing credit-default swaps, a type of insurance that's supposed to pay them face value if Bear's debt goes under.

Backshall, 37, tells them there are two rubs: The price of the swaps is skyrocketing by the minute, and the banks selling the insurance are also at risk of collapsing. If Bear goes down, he tells them, it may take other banks with it.

"There's always the danger the bank selling you the protection on Bear will fail," Backshall says. If that were to happen, his clients could spend millions of dollars for worthless insurance.

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Investors can't tell whether the people selling the swaps -- known as counterparties -- have the money to honor their promises, Backshall says between phone calls.

"It's clearly a combination of absolute fear and investors really not knowing," he says.

On this day, a CDS-market meltdown doesn't happen. In a frenzy of weekend activity, the Federal Reserve and JPMorgan Chase & Co. rescue Bear Stearns from bankruptcy -- removing the need for the sellers of credit-default protection to pay up on their contracts.

### Chain Reaction

Backshall and his clients aren't the only ones spooked by the prospect of a CDS catastrophe. Billionaire investor George Soros says a chain reaction of failures in the swaps market could trigger the next global financial crisis.

CDSs, which were devised by J.P. Morgan & Co. bankers in the early 1990s to hedge their loan risks, now constitute a sprawling, rapidly growing market that includes contracts protecting \$62 trillion in debt.

The market is unregulated, and there are no public records showing whether sellers have the assets to pay out if a bond defaults. This so-called counterparty risk is a ticking time bomb.

"It is a Damocles sword waiting to fall," says Soros, 77, whose new book is called "The New Paradigm for Financial Markets: The Credit Crisis of 2008 and What It Means" (PublicAffairs).

"To allow a market of that size to develop without regulatory supervision is really unacceptable," Soros says.

### 'Lumpy Exposures'

The Fed bailout of Bear Stearns on March 17 was motivated, in part, by a desire to keep that sword from falling, says Joseph Mason, a former U.S. Treasury Department economist who's now chair of the banking department at Louisiana State University's E.J. Ourso College of Business.

The Fed was concerned that banks might not have the money to pay CDS counterparties if there were large debt defaults, Mason says.

"The Fed's fear was that they didn't adequately monitor counterparty risk in credit-default swaps -- so they had no idea of where to lend nor where significant lumpy exposures may lie," he says.

Those counterparties include none other than JPMorgan itself, the largest seller and buyer of CDSs known to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, or OCC.

The Fed negotiated the deal to bail out Bear Stearns by allowing JPMorgan to buy it for \$10 a share. The Fed pledged \$29 billion to JPMorgan to cover any Bear debts.

### 'Cast Doubt'

"The sudden failure of Bear Stearns likely would have led to a chaotic unwinding of positions in those markets," Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke told Congress on April 2. "It could also have cast doubt on the financial positions of some of Bear Stearns's thousands of counterparties."

The Fed was worried about the biggest players in the CDS market, Mason says. "It was a JPMorgan bailout, not a bailout of Bear," he says.

JPMorgan spokesman Brian Marchiony declined to comment for this article.

Credit-default swaps are derivatives, meaning they're financial contracts that don't contain any actual assets. Their value is based on the worth of underlying loans and bonds. Swaps are similar to insurance policies -- with two key differences.

Unlike with traditional insurance, no agency monitors the seller of a swap contract to be certain it has the money to cover debt defaults. In addition, swap buyers don't need to actually own the asset they want to protect.

It's as if many investors could buy insurance on the same multimillion-dollar home they didn't own and then collect on its full value if the house burned down.

### Bigger Than NYSE

When traders buy swap protection, they're speculating a loan or bond will fail; when they sell swaps, they're betting that a borrower's ability to pay will improve.

The market, which has doubled in size every year since 2000 and is larger in dollar value than the New York Stock Exchange, is controlled by banks like JPMorgan, which act as dealers for buyers and sellers. Swap prices and trade volume aren't publicly posted, so investors have to rely on bids and offers by banks.

Most of the traders are banks; hedge funds, which are mostly private pools of capital whose managers participate substantially in the profits from their speculation on whether the price of assets will rise or fall; and insurance companies. Mutual and pension funds also buy and sell the swaps.

Proponents of CDSs say the devices have been successful because they allow banks to spread the risk of default and enable hedge funds to efficiently speculate on the creditworthiness of companies.

### 'Seeing the Logic'

The market has grown so large so fast because swaps are often based on an index that includes the debt of scores of companies, says Robert Pickel, chief executive officer of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association.

"Whether you're a hedge fund, bank or some other user, you're increasingly seeing the logic of using these instruments," Pickel says, adding he doesn't worry about counterparty risk because banks carefully monitor the strength of investors. "There have been a very limited number of disputes. The parties understand these products and know how to use them."

Banks are the largest buyers and sellers of CDSs. New York-based JPMorgan trades the most, with swaps betting on future credit quality of \$7.9 trillion in debt, according to the OCC. Citigroup Inc., also in New York, is second, with \$3.2 trillion in CDSs.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley, two New York-based firms whose swap trading isn't tracked by the OCC because they're not commercial banks, are the largest swap counterparties, according to New York-based Fitch Ratings, which doesn't provide dollar amounts.

### Untested Until Now



The credit-default-swap market has been untested until now because there's been a steady decline in global default rates in high-yield debt since 2002. The default rate in January 2002, when the swap market was valued at \$1.5 trillion, was 10.7 percent, according to Moody's Investors Service.

Since then, defaults globally have dropped to 1.5 percent, as of March. The rating companies say the tide is turning on defaults.

Fitch Ratings reported in July 2007 that 40 percent of CDS protection sold worldwide is on companies or securities that are rated below investment grade, up from 8 percent in 2002. On May 7, Moody's wrote that as the economy weakened, high-yield-debt defaults by companies worldwide would increase fourfold in one year to 6.1 percent by April 2009.

The pressure is building. On May 5, for example, Tropicana Entertainment LLC filed for bankruptcy after the casino owner defaulted on \$1.32 billion in debt.

#### 'Complicate the Crisis'

A surge in corporate defaults may leave swap buyers scrambling, many unsuccessfully, to collect hundreds of billions of dollars from their counterparties, says Satyajit Das, a former Citigroup derivatives trader and author of "Credit Derivatives: CDOs & Structured Credit Products" (Wiley Finance, 2005).

"This is going to complicate the financial crisis," Das says. He expects numerous disputes and lawsuits, as protection buyers battle sellers over the technical definition of default -- this requires proving which bond or loan holders weren't paid -- and the amount of payments due.

"It's going to become extremely messy," he says. "I'm really scared this is going to freeze up the financial system."

Andrea Cicione, a London-based senior credit strategist at BNP Paribas SA, has researched counterparty risk and says it's only a matter of time before the sword begins falling. He says the crisis will likely start with hedge funds that will be unable to pay banks for contracts tied to at least \$35 billion in defaults.

#### \$150 Billion Loss Estimate

"That's a very conservative estimate," he says, adding that his study finds that losses resulting from hedge funds that can't pay their counterparties for defaults could exceed \$150 billion.

Hedge funds have sold 31 percent of all CDS protection, according to a February 2007 report by Charlotte, North Carolina-based Bank of America Corp.

Cicione says banks will try to pre-empt this default disaster by demanding hedge funds put up more collateral for potential losses. That may not work, he says. Many of the funds won't have the cash to meet the banks' requests, he says.

Sellers of protection aren't required by law to set aside reserves in the CDS market. While banks ask protection sellers to put up some money when making the trade, there are no industry standards, Cicione says.

JPMorgan, in its annual report released in February, said it held \$22 billion of credit swap counterparty risk not protected by collateral as of Dec. 31.

#### 'A Major Risk'

"I think there's a major risk of counterparty default from hedge funds," Cicione says. "It's inconceivable that the Fed or any central bank will bail out the hedge funds. If you have a systemic crisis in the hedge fund industry, then of course their banks will take the hit."

The Joint Forum of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, an international group of banking, insurance and securities regulators, wrote in April that the trillions of dollars in swaps traded by hedge funds pose a threat to financial markets around the world.

"It is difficult to develop a clear picture of which institutions are the ultimate holders of some of the credit risk transferred," the report said. "It can be difficult even to quantify the amount of risk that has been transferred."

Counterparty risk can become complicated in a hurry, Das says. In a typical CDS deal, a hedge fund will sell protection to a bank, which will then resell the same protection to another bank, and such dealing will continue, sometimes in a circle, Das says.

#### 'Daisy Chain Vortex'

The original purpose of swaps -- to spread a bank's loan risk among a large group of companies -- may be circumvented, he says.

"It creates a huge concentration of risk," Das says. "The risk keeps spinning around and around in this daisy chain like a vortex. There are only six to 10 dealers who sit in the middle of all this. I don't think the regulators have the information that they need to work that out."

And traders, even the banks that serve as dealers don't always know exactly what is covered by a credit-default-swap contract. There are numerous types of CDSs, some far more complex than others.

More than half of all CDSs cover indexes of companies and debt securities, such as asset-backed securities, the Basel committee says. The rest include coverage of a single company's debt or collateralized debt obligations.

A CDO is an opaque bundle of debt that can be filled with junk bonds, auto loans, credit card liabilities and home mortgages, including subprime debt. Some swaps are made up of even murkier bank inventions -- so-called synthetic CDOs, which are packages of credit-default swaps.

#### AIG \$9.1 Billion Writedown

On May 8, American International Group Inc. wrote down \$9.1 billion on the value of its CDS holdings. The world's largest insurer by assets sold credit protection on CDOs that declined in value. In 2007, New York-based AIG reported \$11.5 billion in writedowns on CDO credit default swaps.

Michael Greenberger, director of trading and markets at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from 1997 to 1999, says the Fed is fully aware of the risk banks and the global economy face if CDS holders can't cover their losses.

"Oh, absolutely, there's no doubt about it," says Greenberger, who's now a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore. He says swaps were very much on the Fed's mind when Bear Stearns started sliding toward bankruptcy.

"People who were relying on Bear for their own solvency would've started defaulting," he says. "That would've triggered a series of counterparty failures. It was a house of cards."

#### Risk Nightmare

It's concerns about that house of cards that have kept Backshall, the California fund adviser, up at night. His worries about a nightmare scenario started in early March. The details of what happened are still fresh in his mind.

It's Monday, March 10, and the market is rife with rumors that Bear Stearns will run out of cash. Some of Backshall's clients have pulled their accounts from Bear; others are considering leaving the bank. Backshall's clients are exposed to Bear in multiple ways: They keep their cash and other accounts at the firm, and they use the bank as their broker for trades. Backshall advises them to spread their assets among various banks.

That same day, Bear CEO Alan Schwartz says publicly, "There is absolutely no truth to the rumors of liquidity problems."

Backshall's clients are suspicious. They see other hedge funds pulling their accounts from Bear. In the afternoon after Schwartz's remarks, the cost of protection soars past 600 basis points from 450 before Schwartz's statement.

#### CEO Didn't Calm Fears

Swaps are priced in basis points, or hundredths of a percentage point. At 600 basis points, a trader would pay \$6,000 a year to insure \$100,000 of Bear Stearns bonds.

"I don't think his comments did anything to calm fears," Backshall says.

The next day, March 11, Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox says his agency is monitoring Bear Stearns and other securities firms.

"We have a good deal of comfort about the capital cushions at these firms at the moment," he says.

Cox's comments are overshadowed by rumors that European financial firms had stopped doing fixed-income trades with Bear, Backshall says.

"Nobody has a clue what's going on," he says. Bear swap costs are gyrating between 540 and 665.

For most investors, just getting default-swap prices is a chore. Unlike stock prices, which are readily available because they trade on a public exchange, swap prices are hard to find. Traders looking up prices on the Internet or on private trading systems see information that is hours or days old.

#### 'Terribly Primitive'

Banks send hedge funds, insurance companies and other institutional investors e-mails throughout the day with bid and offer prices, Backshall says. For many investors, this system is a headache.

To find the price of a swap on Ford Motor Co. debt, for example, even sophisticated investors might have to search through all of their daily e-mails, he says.

"It's terribly primitive," Backshall says. "The only way you and I could get a level of prices is searching for Ford in our inbox. This is no joke."

In the past three years, at least two companies have developed software programs that automatically parse an investor's incoming messages, yank out CDS prices and build them into real-time price displays.

The charts show the highest bids and lowest offering prices for hundreds of swaps. Backshall tracks prices he gets from banks using the new software.

#### 'It's Very Hard'

Backshall has been talking with hedge fund managers in New York all week.

"We'd quite frankly been warning them and giving them advice on how to hedge," he says of the Bear Stearns crisis and banks overall. "It's very hard to hedge the counterparty risk. These institutions are thinly capitalized in the best of times."

The night of Thursday, March 13, Backshall can't sleep. He lies awake worrying about Bear and counterparty risk. The next morning, he arrives at work at 5 a.m., two and a half hours before sunrise.

Through the window of his ninth-floor corner office, he takes a moment to watch the distant flickers of light in the rolling foothills of Mount Diablo. Across the street, he sees the still-dark Walnut Creek train station, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) east of San Francisco.

Backshall, wearing jeans and a blue, button-down shirt, sits at his desk, staring at a pair of the 27-inch (68.6-centimeter) monitors that display swap costs. CDS prices jumped by more than 10-fold in just a year. The numbers show rising fear, he says.

Until early in 2007, the typical price of a credit-default swap tied to the debt of an investment bank like Merrill Lynch & Co., Bear Stearns or Morgan Stanley was 25 basis points.

#### 'Unknowns Are Out There'

If a swap buyer wanted to protect \$10 million of assets in the event of a company default, the contract would cost about 0.25 percent of \$10 million, or \$25,000 a year for a five-year protection contract.

Backshall's screens tell him the cost of buying protection on Bear Stearns debt in the past 24 hours has been moving in a range between 680 and 755 basis points.

"The unknowns are out there," Backshall says.

He advises his clients not to buy CDS protection on Bear because the price is too high and the time is wrong. It's too late to buy swaps now, he says.

At 9:13 Friday morning in New York, JPMorgan announces it will loan money to Bear using funds provided by the Federal Reserve. The JPMorgan statement doesn't say how much it will lend; it says it will "provide secured funding to Bear Stearns, as necessary."

#### 'Significantly Deteriorated'

Bear CEO Schwartz says his firm's liquidity has "significantly deteriorated" during the past 24 hours. Protection quotes drop immediately into the low 500s, as some dealers think a rescue has begun.

That doesn't last long.

"Very quickly, the trading action is swinging violently wider," Backshall says. Bear's swap cost jumps to 850 basis points that afternoon, his screen shows. "When fear gets hold, fundamental analysis goes out the window," he says.

In the calmest of times, making reasoned decisions about swap prices is a challenge. Now, it's impossible. Traders don't have access to any company data more recent than Bear's February annual report. Sharp-eyed investors looking through that filing might have spotted a paragraph that's strangely prescient.

"As a result of the global credit crises and the increasingly large numbers of credit defaults, there is a risk that counterparties could fail, shut down, file for bankruptcy or be unable to pay out contracts," Bear wrote.

#### 'Material Adverse Effect'

"The failure of a significant number of counterparties or a counterparty that holds a significant amount of credit-default swaps could have a material adverse effect on the broader financial markets," the bank wrote.

Even after JPMorgan's Friday morning announcement, the market is alive with rumors. Backshall's clients tell him they've heard some investment banks have stopped accepting trades with Bear Stearns and some money market funds have reduced their short-term holdings of Bear-issued debt.

On Sunday, March 16, the Federal Reserve effectively lifts the sellers of Bear Stearns protection out of their misery. JPMorgan agrees to buy Bear for \$2 a share.

While that's devastating news for Bear shareholders -- the stock had traded at \$62.30 just a week earlier -- it's the best news imaginable for owners of Bear debt. That's because JPMorgan agreed to cover Bear's liabilities, with the Fed pledging \$29 billion to cover Bear's loan obligations.

#### Turned to Dust

For traders who sold protection on Bear's debt, the bailout is a godsend. Faced with the prospect of having to hand over untold millions to their counterparties just three days earlier, they now have to pay out nothing.

For traders who bought protection swaps just a few days earlier -- when prices were in the 600s to 800s -- the Fed bailout is crushing. Their investments have turned to dust.

On Monday morning, the cost of default protection on Bear plunges to 280. Backshall sits back in his chair and for the first time in two weeks, he can breathe easier.

"No wonder I look so tired all the time," he says, finally showing a bit of a smile.

When it bailed out Bear Stearns, the Federal Reserve effectively deputized JPMorgan to monitor the credit-default-swap market, says Edward Kane, a finance professor at Boston College. Because regulators don't know where the risks lie, they're helpless, Kane says.

Default swaps shift the risk from a company's credit to the possibility that a counterparty might fail, says Kane, who's a senior fellow at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Center for Financial Research.

#### 'Off Balance Sheet'

"You've really disguised traditional credit risk, pushed it off balance sheet to its counterparties," Kane says. "And this is not visible to the regulators."

BNP analyst Cicone says regulators will be hard-pressed to prevent the next potential breakdown in the swaps market.

"Apart from JPMorgan, there aren't many other banks out there capable of doing this," he says. "That's what's worrying us. If there were to be more Bear Stearnses, who would step in and give a helping hand? You can't expect the Fed to run a broker, so someone has to take on assets and obligations."

Banks have a vested interest in keeping the swaps market opaque, says Das, the former Citigroup banker. As dealers, the banks see a high volume of transactions, giving them an edge over other buyers and sellers.

"Dealers get higher profitability through lack of transparency," Das says. "Since customers don't necessarily know where the market is, you can charge them much wider margins."

#### Banks Try to Hedge

Banks try to balance the protection they've sold with credit-default swaps they purchase from others, either on the same companies or indexes. They can also create synthetic CDOs, which are packages of credit-default swaps the banks sell to investors to get themselves protection.

The idea for the banks is to make a profit on each trade and avoid taking on the swap's risk.

"Dealers are just like bookies," Kane says. "Bookies don't want to bet on games. Bookies just want to balance their books. That's why they're called bookies."

The banks played the role of dealers in the CDO market as well, and the breakdown in that market holds lessons for what could go wrong with CDSs. The CDO market zoomed to \$500 billion in sales in 2006, up fivefold from 2001.

Banks found a hungry market for CDOs because they offered returns that were sometimes 2-3 percentage points higher than corporate bonds with the same credit rating.

#### CDO Market Dried Up

By the middle of 2007, mortgage defaults in the U.S. began reaching record highs each month. Banks and other companies realized they were holding hundreds of billions in toxic debt. By August 2007, no one would buy CDOs. That newly devised debt market dried up in a matter of months.

In the past year, banks have written off \$323 billion from debt, mostly from investments they created.

Now, if corporate defaults increase, as Moody's predicts, another market recently invented by banks -- credit-default swaps -- could come unstuck. Arturo Cifuentes, managing director of R.W. Pressprich & Co., a New York firm that trades derivatives, says he expects a rash of counterparty failures resulting in losses and lawsuits.

"There's a high probability that many people who bought swap protection will wind up in court trying to get their payouts," he says. "If things are collapsing left and right, people will use any trick they can."

Frank Partnoy, a former derivatives trader and now a securities law professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, says it's high time for the market to let in some sunshine.

#### Centralized Pricing

"There should be a centralized pricing service for credit-default swaps," he says. Companies should disclose their swaps holdings, he adds.

"For example, a bank might disclose the nature of its lending exposure based on its use of credit-default swaps as a hedge," he says.

Last year, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange set up a federally regulated, exchange-based market to trade CDSs. So far, it hasn't worked. It's been boycotted by banks, which prefer to continue their trading privately.

Leo Melamed, 76, chairman emeritus of Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc., says there aren't any easy solutions.

"Plus we're not sure the banks want us to be in this business because they do make a good deal of money, and we might narrow the spreads considerably," he says.

#### Central Clearing House

For now and for some time in the future, CDSs will remain unregulated and their trades will be done in the secrecy of Wall Street's biggest securities firms. That means counterparty risk will stay out of the sight of the public and regulators.

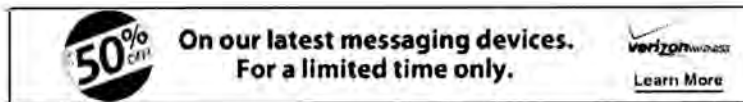
"In order for us to get away from worries about counterparty risk, in order for us to encourage more trading and more transparency, there's got to be some way to bring all the price data together with exchange trading or a central clearinghouse," Backshall says.

Until that happens, the sword of Damocles will remain poised to fall, as banks, hedge funds and insurance companies can only guess whether their trillions of dollars in swaps are covered by anything other than darkness.

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### Diversity Over Achievement in Legal Education

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The Wall Street Journal on April 28, 2008, published an Opinion column, "The ABA's 'Diversity' Diktat" by University of San Diego Law Professor and former Civil Rights Commissioner Gail Heriot. The Professor is a reliable and realistic source. The gist of the excellent column is the recounting of further ABA forcible intrusion into the admissions practices of law schools and a particularly horrendous example with respect to George Mason University Law School ("GM Law"), an excellent Arlington, Virginia institution.

GM Law's extensive efforts to enroll minority applicants as law students and the pressure put upon GM Law by ABA and DOE are detailed. One statistic exemplifies the pressure. In 2003 17% of GM Law's students were of racial minorities. That percentage, high in relation to the percentage of college graduates qualified for a serious law school, ABA deemed inadequate. Worse, contended ABA, only 23 of 99 minority students were of African lineage. In 2004 of 111 minority students once again 23 were of such lineage, another basis for ABA denigration of GM Law's extensive efforts to attract qualified minority applicants. (That GM Law had offered admission to 63 appeared to count for naught in the march of the ABA - DOE onslaught.)

Imagine more Federal Government intervention. In 2006 DOE caused ABA trouble with respect to DOE's renewal of ABA accrediting authority, allowing ABA 18 months to right itself - that is, to penalize more law schools which do not discriminate in favor of minority applicants. The outcome - and especially the long-term outcome - of that DOE intervention remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, with the number of young lawyers growing and the demand for young lawyers declining, there inevitably is pressure from every direction. Thus, there are numerous personal problems. Some approach tragedy, when an individual who should not have been admitted to law school in the first place studies diligently and incurs major personal debt, only to fail the bar examination or, passing it, to encounter severe difficulty in job placement or fully to strike out.

The other downside affects the American judicial system and American citizens who need legal representation. Does one want to retain counsel who was admitted to law school upon the basis of his or her race over more qualified applicants? ABA accreditation is the only accreditation that academically matters. If a law school seeks ABA accreditation the ABA Standards of Approval of Law Schools mandate a strong and proven commitment to diversity. Common sense and the functioning of a competent bar and judicial system self-evidently require color-blind and race-blind admissions. Will there be a mandatory sequel for passing bar examinations? How about for the medical, dental, engineering and other professions?

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*The Capistrano Dispatch*

**Welcome INN, a group that feeds the homeless, continues feedings in midst of lawsuit**

Every day somewhere in Capistrano Beach, volunteers such as San Juan Capistrano resident Haley Hurlbert set up a few card tables and hand out dinner in Styrofoam to-go boxes. They feed whomever shows up hungry: the area's working poor and homeless—people like Calvin Ard, known to his friends as Alabama. The meal isn't always served in the same place, but the food's always good, he says.



Hurlbert was helping to serve meat, beans, vegetables, salad and soda on Tuesday evening. It was the high school junior's second day on the job; her required charity hours for school are almost completed, but she says she enjoys working with the group and will continue. On a typical day, about 50 people show up to eat these meals, cooked or donated by local restaurants or residents.

And until recently, there's been little trouble for the volunteer group—an interfaith network called Welcome Inn—that organizes meals. The group's been serving food daily in Capo Beach for about 10 years and, for the most part, has been out of the limelight. But that changed this month when, on the group's behalf, the ACLU filed a lawsuit against Doheny State Park, where feedings were taking place.

It started when park rangers first asked the group, which has held nonprofit status for two years, to leave in February, citing a government code and claiming the feeding program was an unlawful assembly. Church, Welcome INN's vice president, directed everyone to leave immediately, as she didn't want the volunteers or the homeless guests to receive the threatened citations, which would have been punishable by imprisonment of up to 90 days, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both.

So they unloaded their food at a nearby parking lot that night. They've never missed serving a meal—which they'll do anywhere from churches to streets to private property—even though the group has been asked to leave each of its feeding spots. "Somehow people always get fed," says Church, who says the volunteers, their guests and God keep the program running. She says it's great to see young people like Hurlbert lending a hand, because it shows they're aware of the needy right here in South County.

Church, 53, isn't worried about the program failing but is concerned about the legality of the Doheny incident. She grew up in Capo Beach and attended many gatherings at the park—church or family picnics—but was never asked to leave until this year, when she was at the park with the homeless guests she calls her friends.

"We just want to feed our friends in peace," she says. Currently, the group is serving meals in a cul-de-sac behind a church in Capo Beach. She hopes the ACLU suit will allow them back in the park, where their guests can eat comfortably, she says.

ACLU attorney Hector Villagra says Welcome INN's freedom of assembly rights were violated. The suit challenges Section 4321 of the California State Administrative Code, which gives the Department of Parks and Recreation the power to prohibit gatherings it feels interfere with park use. A public park is not the place for such acts, says Roy Stearns, spokesperson for State Parks.

"There's nothing wrong with some people just having lunch in a park, even if they're homeless, but that's not what this was," says Stearns of what he calls a nonprofit establishing a daily feeding program. "We don't feel that's appropriate for a state park to be an answer to this social services problem."

Lawrence Alexander, a constitutional law professor at University of San Diego, says park authorities have the legal right to say that. "It is perfectly permissible to set aside a park for certain uses and not other uses," he says. He pointed to a Supreme Court case in which the court upheld a Washington, D.C., ban on homeless sleeping in a

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By DOUG SHERWIN

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The University of San Diego School of Law-Procopio International Tax Institute presented its fourth annual conference, "International Update: U.S.-Mexico-Canada Cross-Border Tax Issues," May 1-2.

David Laro, long-time judge for the U.S. tax court and visiting professor at USD, international tax attorney Jack Anderson and ambassador Jeffrey Davidow, president of the Institute of the Americas, delivered the keynote addresses at the intensive, two-day educational and networking event.

U.S. Treasury lawyer Ginny Chung confirmed the Treasury Department will continue to study the Mexican IETU for several more years before they will be able to make a final determination of whether the IETU tax will definitively be a tax eligible for a foreign tax credit.

IRS attorney John Merrick confirmed various U.S. tax treatment of cross-border structured investments on the panel discussion "Cross Border Tax Planning Strategies for Real Estate: How to Structure Private and Public Real Estate Holdings." He confirmed the ability of U.S. investment funds to be eligible to a reduced U.S. tax rate of 15 percent on qualified dividends structured from Mexican business trusts and Mexican companies that operate a real estate joint venture development in Mexico.



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Townsend, who has spent more than two decades in the fields of  
intelligence and criminal justice, has served during the past three  
administrations, most recently as assistant to Bush for homeland  
security and counterterrorism. She chaired the Homeland Security  
Council from May 2004 until January 2008. Prior to that, she was a  
deputy assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser for  
combating terrorism from 2002 to 2004. She has been at the center of  
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Guard, the Justice Department under President Bill Clinton and the  
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come off the front lines in the war on terrorism, I'm excited to be able  
to speak directly to American and global viewers who need to know how  
serious the threat is, what is being done about it and how much is left to  
do."

Townsend currently serves as a consultant to the U.S. Chamber of  
Commerce and as a member of President Bush's Intelligence Advisory  
Board, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aspen Institute  
Homeland Security Program.

Her early career in law includes service as an assistant district attorney  
in Brooklyn, N.Y., and with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern  
District of New York. Before joining the Bush White House, Townsend  
was the first person to serve as assistant commandant for intelligence  
for the Coast Guard and spent 15 years at the Justice Department in a  
variety of senior positions, including chief of staff to the assistant  
attorney general, director of the Office of International Affairs in the  
Criminal Division, acting deputy assistant attorney general in the  
Criminal Division and counsel to the attorney general for intelligence  
policy.

Townsend graduated cum laude from the American University with a  
bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology and earned her  
law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She has  
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## CNN Makes Townsend Hire Official

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Townsend, who has spent more than two decades in the fields of intelligence and criminal justice, has served during the past three administrations, most recently as assistant to Bush for homeland security and counterterrorism. She chaired the Homeland Security Council from May 2004 until January 2008. Prior to that, she was a deputy assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser for combating terrorism from 2003 to 2004. She has been at the center of America's effort to fight terrorism through her work in the U.S. Coast Guard, the Justice Department under President Bill Clinton and the George W. Bush White House. ...

Townsend currently serves as a consultant to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and as a member of President Bush's Intelligence Advisory Board, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aspen Institute Homeland Security Program.

Her early career in law includes service as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y., and with the U.S. Attorney's Office

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for the Southern District of New York. Before joining the Bush White House, Townsend was the first person to serve as assistant commandant for intelligence for the Coast Guard and spent 13 years at the Justice Department in a variety of senior positions, including chief of staff to the assistant attorney general, director of the Office of International Affairs in the Criminal Division, acting deputy assistant attorney general in the Criminal Division and counsel to the attorney general for intelligence policy.

Townsend graduated cum laude from the American University with a bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology and earned her law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She has taught trial advocacy at Harvard Law School and Pace University Law School.

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Mr. Canuso joins CoreValve from one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States--Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear (KMOB), LLP--where he has been a Partner since 1995, as well as a senior member of the firm's IP Litigation Department and its Patent Prosecution Department. Mr. Canuso is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark office and a member of the State Bar of California. He received his law degree in 1990 from the University of San Diego. Additionally, he holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Villanova University and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

"Vito Canuso has litigated cases before numerous district courts across the U.S. and has handled and argued appeals to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Additionally, he has tried a case before the International Trade Court in Washington, D.C.," said Jacques Seguin, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman and Founder of CoreValve. "Certainly, his significant experience and proven medical specialty device expertise are expected to serve CoreValve well as the Company asserts its intellectual property and legal rights relating to its proprietary ReValving(R) System for transcatheter aortic valve replacement in high-risk patients."

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### Morway promoted to General Manager

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The Indiana Pacers announced Wednesday that David Morway has been promoted to General Manager of the team.



Morway, who has been with the Pacers 10 years, has been serving as Senior Vice President/Basketball Operations for the team, overseeing the day-to-day operation and administration of the Basketball Division. As General Manager, he will retain his current duties and will assume additional responsibilities of overseeing salary cap issues as well as assisting Pacers President of Basketball Larry Bird with all personnel decisions.

"I want to have David by my side," said Bird. "This newly-expanded role maximizes David's skills and experience and I'm confident we have the knowledge and resources to get the Pacers to the level we expect, our owners expect and our fans expect."

Added Morway, "This is a great opportunity and a dream come true for myself and my family. I've enjoyed working with Larry for the last five years and I'm looking forward to continuing this relationship. Having been with the franchise for 10 years I know what the expectations are and what the Pacers mean to the city and the state. I can promise that we will work diligently to help fulfill those expectations. I'm excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for us."

Morway has a vast sports background. He served as Assistant to the President for the San Diego Padres from 1985-88, where he was involved in contract analysis and negotiation. He also designed and implemented programs in player relations, team employee assistance and customer relations.

From 1988-98, Morway started and was President of Professional Excellence Sports, Inc. (Pro Ex), a sports management firm, he represented more than 75 clients. A 1982 graduate of the University of Arizona, Morway also has a law degree from the University of San Diego.

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## **School of Leadership and Education Sciences**



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## USD to host educational forum May 16-17

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

More than 120 teachers, counselors, school administrators, college faculty and students will gather at the University of San Diego May 16 and 17 to focus on action-based research in education.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CS3 Symposium: Action Research in Education and Leadership will be hosted by the School of Leadership and Education Sciences' (SOLES) departments of learning and teaching and leadership studies, the counseling program and the university's Center for Student Support Systems (CS3).

Bill Tolbert, former dean of the Boston College School of Management, will deliver the keynote address on Saturday and lead two workshops on Friday. He is the author of "Action Inquiry: The Secret of Timely and Transforming Leadership."

The conference broadens the scope of the school's commitment to action research as an effective tool for strengthening accountability in education. The symposium will include projects completed in K-12 schools, as well as in higher education. More than 30 workshops will be offered on methodology in action research.

"Action research helps bridge the gap between research and practice in education," said SOLES professor Lonnie Rowell. "Schools using action research have found that a culture of inquiry can be established in which school staffs regularly look to the data – of student achievement, discipline, and school climate – to guide decision-making about curriculum and program changes to better serve pupils."

Presenters from across the country and Japan will present the latest developments in the field. Action research applications offer a broad range of benefits from math, language and computer classes in K-12 education, as well as assisting school counselors in conducting program evaluations and assisting students in the transition from elementary to middle school.

The conference, which was expanded this year, promises to deliver the most informative and engaging exploration of action research to date. Topics include challenges in bi-national action research; student motivation in mathematics; action research with second language learners; transition into middle school; and program evaluation in school counseling.

For more information, go to <http://www.sandiego.edu/soles/cs3>.

Daily Business Report

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EDUCATION

More than 120 teachers, counselors, school administrators, college faculty and students will gather at **USD** on Friday and Saturday (May 16 and 17) for the fifth annual CS3 Symposium: Action Research in Education and Leadership. It is hosted by the **School of Leadership and Education Sciences'** (SOLES) departments of Learning and Teaching and Leadership Studies, the Counseling Program and the university's **Center for Student Support Systems** (CS3). The symposium will include projects completed in K-12 schools as well as in higher education. More than 30 workshops will be offered on methodology in action research.

A highlight of the conference is keynote speaker **Bill Torbert**, author of "Action Inquiry: The Secret of Timely and Transforming Leadership." Tolbert, former dean of the **Boston College School of Management**, will lead two workshops on Friday and will deliver the keynote address on Saturday.

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May 2, 2008

USD's School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) was ranked among the best graduate schools of education in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. The list cited the top 250 schools of education, among more than 800 in the country. SOLES was ranked 100th on the list. USD was the top-ranked private Catholic university in the state on the list. Other top-ranked California universities on the list include Stanford, UCLA, UC Berkeley and USC.

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May 6, 2008 Tuesday

## Familiar advice; Chitchat as therapy at bar, salon, gym

**BYLINE:** By Shelley Widhalm, THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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The bartender as psychologist who serves up advice alongside drinks is an old cliché that has some validity in a number of other professions as well. Clients, including those pulling up a bar stool or sitting in a salon chair, often seek a listening ear.

Many bartenders, hairstylists, cab drivers, massage therapists, personal trainers and professional organizers have heard their share of spilled secrets. Metro-area psychologists and counselors debate the merits of lay psychotherapy, even if it is just listening.

"They're in proximity with their customers. It's simply because of the proximity; it would make sense people would engage in conversations," says Brian S. Canfield, president of the American Counseling Association in Alexandria and professor of counseling at the University of San Diego.

"It's the same category as talking to friends or family. Those people aren't any more qualified than anyone on the street," says Mr. Canfield, who holds a doctorate in counseling.

Spouting off problems to the random cab driver or massage therapist could even be a bit dangerous if bad advice results or buttons are pushed, says Joseph Sanders, director of Health Enhancement Programs, a research and development organization in Alexandria devoted to health-enhancing programs. He is a diplomat in clinical psychology for the American Board of Professional Psychology in Savannah, Ga.

"It's one-sided. You have no idea of their behavior or background," says Mr. Sanders, who holds a doctorate in psychology.

Some professionals, such as professional organizers, need to get personal with their clients to be successful in their work.

"You can't be in somebody's house and their mess without hearing something about it," says Florence Feldman, owner of Clearly Organized, a professional organizer in Virginia Beach who serves the D.C. metro and Tidewater areas.

"Clutter and disorganization often are a symptom of other problems," Ms. Feldman says.

A messy home can be the result of a deeper problem, such as rebellion, grief, loneliness, hoarding or overspending, Ms. Feldman says. Cleaning up the mess can lead to sharing stories and memories associated with the items and the reasons for wanting to keep them, she adds.

"You have to deal with stuff. Stuff is connected to people, and if they had trauma, that's all connected," she says.

The goal of a professional organizer is to learn the cause behind the clutter and help clients solve it, says Cheryl Larson, a professional organizer in Clarksburg and owner of Cheryl's Organizing Concepts.



"Our goal is to teach them how to be organized and keep things organized, not for us to continue to be there," Ms. Larson says.

Personal trainers, like professional organizers, need to get to know their clients on a personal level. Trainers need to know about a client's lifestyle, work and family life, stress factors and daily habits to develop a workout to meet their needs, says Amie Hoff, personal trainer for Washington Sports Club in Dupont Circle.

When clients talk about personal matters, which maybe 15 percent of her clients do, Ms. Hoff says she listens without offering advice, while making sure the clients do their workouts.

"A trainer sees them in this raw state and is very accepting and understanding and sometimes can be used as a sounding board," she says.

Madeline Lane, salon director at Sassoon Salon in Tysons Galleria, says she avoids giving advice to her clients, though she is willing to listen if they want to talk.

"My clients know as much about me as I know about them," Ms. Lane says, "but we're not licensed therapists. If I talk about anything, it would be about my experiences, the way I talk with my friends."

A similar scenario can occur in bars when patrons return, knowing they can chat with their bartender, says David Craver, president of the National Bartender Association in Atlanta.

"People want to go where they have a friend and someone they can confide in," Mr. Craver says. "Like a psychologist, it's someone outside your world. That person isn't there to judge but to listen and to give positive feedback."

That feedback can be helpful, says Dr. Daniel Z. Lieberman, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and director of the Clinical Psychiatric Research Center at George Washington University in Northwest.

"One of the reasons they value talking to bartenders and hairstylists is because these people are opinionated and authentic. They tend to not censor themselves," Dr. Lieberman says.

Research shows that one of the most beneficial aspects of therapy and counseling is the feeling of being listened to, understood and not judged, says James Maddux, professor of psychology and director of the clinical psychology doctoral program at George Mason University in Fairfax.

"People often don't want to be given advice unless they ask for it," says Mr. Maddux, who holds a doctorate in clinical psychology. "Show interest, just simply be a good listener, and don't pry for information."

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Jessica and Kevin Bickford and their sons, Logan (left) and Laird, are looking forward to the opening of the NCARE center, which will provide help for autistic children.  
Bickford family photo

## For the one out of 150

### Autism research and education center coming to Carlsbad

By Steven Mihailovich | [steven.mihailovich@tlnews.net](mailto:steven.mihailovich@tlnews.net)

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Jessica Bickford is a proud mother. She describes her two "little guys" as charming, adorable, happy and extremely intelligent.

Logan is the eldest at 7 years old.

He excels in science, especially physics, astronomy and physiology. He built an improvised Van de Graaff generator earlier this year.

But Bickford struggles to find time to drive Logan and his younger brother, Laird, between numerous appointments. She shops for special foods and clothes. In the past two years, Logan and Laird have both been diagnosed with Asperger syndrome, a form of autism.

Bickford's life and the lives of others like her may be about to take a turn for the better. In June, the National Center for Autism Research and Education (NCARE) will begin unveiling a full-service center in Carlsbad for families of children with autism.

Bickford describes a typical Monday. She leaves work early to take Laird to therapy. Then she picks up Logan from school and takes him to therapy, where she picks up Laird. The two walk until Logan is finished, then they go home for more therapy sessions.

"I don't know how many employers would be tolerant of employees in this kind of situation," Bickford said. "You never know what's going to happen."

As if to emphasize the point, Bickford gets a call from Logan's school.

Another situation has arisen. Bickford ends the discussion and leaves work early to head for the school.

"It's not that I relish anguish," Bickford said, "but it's anything for the kids. I'm just one of many parents struggling with this. There are so many questions but no answers."

"It puts a lot of strain on families," said Keith Berglund, NCARE president of operations. "There isn't one place to serve all the different needs of families with autism. We feel our model will be of such excellence that people will want to come."

Bickford's struggle is not rare. About one in 150 children has some form of autism, according to Autism Speaks. NCARE estimates that 8,000 children in the county are afflicted.

Autism is a developmental disorder of the brain that affects communication, particularly speech, and sensory perception of reality. Typically beginning in infancy, autism has several common symptoms that affect each individual differently, said Kevin Robertson, NCARE director of business development.

"The spectrum is very wide," Robertson said. "There are people on the spectrum that you would never suspect.

"We serve kids who are highly intelligent and highly verbal and can pretty easily interact. And there are other kids who are incontinent and wear diapers and can't speak."

Children such as Bickford's with Asperger syndrome usually have average or above-average intelligence.

Bickford said her sons have extreme reactions, which she calls "meltdowns," when they are overloaded by stimuli.

The meltdown consists of screams, throwing things, falling to the ground and rolling. But Bickford said they don't recall the episodes later.

"I can think of other things I like more," Bickford said.

"But I have the most amazing boys. I don't think I would trade it. But when my boy says, 'Mom, I wish I didn't have Asperger; I wish I was normal,' that's what I would trade. That's the killer."

The causes and treatments of such behavior is what NCARE hopes to discover when it begins its programs this summer. Berglund said NCARE will have three components: research, educational research and family services.

The research division will investigate behavioral, social and medical factors, including genetics.

While most research will be conducted in-house, Berglund said NCARE will partner with universities in the area that are already doing autism research, such as University of San Diego, San Diego State University and University of California Los Angeles.

Educational research is NCARE's second arm. Berglund said the center will offer classes for autistic children, with the goal of uncovering techniques and methods that work best.

"We're not the ones doing the education," Berglund said. "We'll be learning what works with them. We'll let them teach us about their individual disorders. We're going to learn more from them than they're ever going to learn from us."

Family services will offer traditional therapies to autistic children, but Robertson said the center will also offer counseling and classes for families of autistic children.

Robertson notes that having an autistic child puts a tremendous strain on the parents' marriage.

"They go run around and get these services, which takes away from time working on the relationship," Robertson said.

NCARE's three divisions will roll out gradually, Berglund said. The family center will open in June, followed by the educational center in August and the research division in September.

Berglund said NCARE was formed when a founding board member wanting to start a school for autistic children in Carlsbad noticed the lack of comprehensive care. Berglund said the founder wishes to remain anonymous.

NCARE was incorporated in November 2006 and received its nonprofit status in February of this year.

Robertson said NCARE is looking at two buildings in Carlsbad in which to place the center and hopes to finalize the deal next week.

He said it will cost about \$10 million to be fully operational in September, with 100 to 150 employees capable of serving about 200 families.

"We hope to be able to serve every family that needs it," Berglund said. "My ultimate goal is that families who need our services can get them without regard to fees."

Bickford is hoping the arrival of NCARE will change her family's life almost as much as the arrival of autism did.

"They have family counseling," Bickford said. "That's huge in itself."

They'll have comprehensive services, everything that these children need, and then all in one location.

"It's huge. The convenience is big, but just to have all the services is incredible."

**Reach reporter Steven Mihailovich at (760) 752-6753.**

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## A Pioneer in the Community

John Tracy Clinic Gives Hope, Guidance and Encouragement to Children With Hearing Loss

### From Our Advertisers

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**Teacher Cat Mathes helps 3-year-old Brisa develop spoken language through play and discovery. Brisa, who is profoundly deaf, wears a cochlear implant. Photo courtesy of John Tracy Clinic.**

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*For more information, contact [jtc.org](http://jtc.org) or call (213) 748-5481.*

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Daily Business Report

*May 20, 2008*

**NONPROFITS**

**The Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research** will release the results of its latest research on public confidence in San Diego County nonprofit organizations at a June 12 event at 8:30 a.m. at **USD**. The breakfast, presentation of the report, a question and answer session and panel discussion will be in **Warren Auditorium, Room 116, in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall** on campus.

The center's research project was funded by **The San Diego Foundation**.

## LARGEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Ranked by contract amount

Rank	Project name Project address	Contract amount General contractor	Date of (planned) completion Developer	Square footage of project	Architect/Architecture firm	Project description	Investors/source of funding
1	Hilton San Diego Convention Center 1 Harbor Blvd. San Diego 92101	\$238,011,457 Hensel Phelps Construction Co.	October 2008 John Portman & Associates	1,007,118	John Portman & Associates	Convention hotel including 1,200 guest rooms, grand ballroom, meeting space, retail, health club and restaurant.	Darkin Hld.
2	Rady Children's Hospital Acute Care Pavilion 3020 Children's Way San Diego 92123	\$71,774,303 McCarthy Building Cos. Inc.	July 2010 Rady Children's Hospital	275,800	Anshen & Allen Architects	Four-story acute care facility, 60 patient rooms, operating rooms and clinical spaces, emergency generator facilities and pedestrian bridge.	wnd
3	Intuit Campus at Santa Fe Summit 7525 Torrey Santa Fe Road San Diego 92129	\$142,281,781 Rena Contracting Inc.	April 2007 Kilroy Realty Corp.	485,000	Hanna Gabriel Wells	Four four-story Class A office campus and parking structure.	wnd
4	Del Norte High School Over Ridge Drive San Diego 92127	\$105,000,000 Barnhart Inc.	March 2009 Poway Unified School District	710,093	HTD Architecture	Standard classrooms, science labs, art labs, music classrooms, special education classrooms, drama classroom, vocational education classrooms and labs, ASB classroom, physical education classrooms, sports stadium, swimming pool and library.	Poway Unified School District/Weta-Rite
5	Santee School District Modernization and Expansion Program na Santee	\$98,000,000 Barnhart Inc.	August 2012 Santee School District	na	Sprout Watson	Library, technology center, athletic facilities, parking and traffic improvements.	State and local bond funds
6	Icon 301 10th Ave. San Diego 92101	\$85,442,000 Ledcor Builders Inc.	March 2007 Icon LLC	399,965	Thalmer Hoch	Four high-rise buildings and 327 condo units.	Lehman Bros.
7	ResMed Corporate Headquarters Facility 3001 Spectrum Center Blvd. San Diego 92123	\$83,000,000 Rena Contracting Inc.	May 2009 ResMed Inc.	500,000	Devis Devis Architects	5½-story building and concrete parking structure.	na
8	Parkview Aero Court and Keeney Villa Road San Diego 92123	\$70,319,685 Werners Corp.	February 2010 S&LP Parkview LP	570,125	KUDY	Apartments and office space.	wnd
9	Cardinal Health 10620 Pacific Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92121	\$69,365,522 Rena Contracting Inc.	Fall 2007 Kilroy Realty Corp.	318,000	Pacific Cornerstone Architects	Corporate headquarters.	wnd
10	Scripps Ranch Area Middle School 9700 Ave. of Nations San Diego 92131	\$61,444,903 Soltek Pacific	January 2008 San Diego Unified School District	238,748	Joseph Wong Associates Inc.	Seven new buildings.	Proposition M&M
11	Terraces at Copley Point 5597 Copley Drive San Diego 92111	\$59,000,000 Rena Contracting Inc.	October 2008 Subentry Properties	400,000	Architects Hanna Gabriel Wells	Two six-story steel steel and concrete buildings and a three-level east-in-place parking structure.	wnd
12	DiamondView Tower 350 10th Ave. San Diego 92101	\$53,200,000 Rena Contracting Inc.	May 2007 Citerra Partners	325,000	Carter Johnson	Six-story-branded corporate office building adjacent to Petco Park.	Citerra Partners
13	Scripps Health Innovation Corporate Center 15004 Innovation Drive San Diego 92128	\$50,699,880 Rena Contracting Inc.	2008 Kilroy Realty Corp.	148,000	Pacific Cornerstone Architects	Six-story Class A building.	wnd
14	Aria Condominiums Ninth Avenue and Ash Street San Diego 92101	\$48,990,000 PCL Construction Services Inc.	February 2008 Aria Property Group	303,965	Perkins & Co.	24-story condominium tower, swimming pool, workout area, community room and four levels of parking.	Private
15	UC San Diego Music Building 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla 92093	\$44,795,000 PCL Construction Services Inc.	December 2008 UC San Diego	83,354	LMN Architects	New instructional spaces, practice rooms, rehearsal spaces, faculty studios, administrative support space and a 400-seat recital hall for the Department of Music.	Public with private donations
16	Marsoc Bachelor Enlisted Quarters & Dining Facility Camp Pendleton San Diego	\$43,747,265 Harper Construction Co. Inc.	September 2009 U.S. Navy	173,000	Clare Sawabity Chapman & Associates	Marine Corps base housing and dining facility.	U.S. Navy
17	UC San Diego Rady School of Management 9600 Gilman Drive La Jolla 92093	\$35,158,000 PCL Construction Services Inc.	June 2007 UC San Diego	101,000	Elster Beckett	New management school, multiple forest classrooms, administrative offices, dean's suite, executive education/EMBA offices and other support areas.	Public
18	Rock Church & Academy 2777 Rosecrans St. San Diego 92106	\$34,408,034 Harper Construction Co. Inc.	December 2007 wnd	705,500	Genaker	K-12 school and sanctuary.	Evangelical Christian Credit Union
19	University of San Diego, School of Leadership & Education Services 5906 Alcalá Park San Diego 92110	\$34,400,000 Rudolph & Sertan Inc.	August 2007 University of San Diego	83,000	Architects Delawie Wilkins Rodriguez Barker	15 classrooms, auditorium, executive training classroom, underground parking, instructional resource center and cafe.	Bonds, grants, private foundations and private donors
20	UCSD Supercomputer Center Expansion 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla 92093	\$31,500,000 Barnhart Inc.	July 2006 UC San Diego	80,000	Esterick Hensley Dulge & Davis Architects	The expansion will allow the national science, engineering and technology center to house more data, supercomputers and a staff of 400.	State of California

wnd: Would not disclose  
na: Not available  
NA: Not applicable

Notes: Eligible projects must have been completed since March 2007 or are currently under construction. Projects must be located

within San Diego County.

Sources: The building contractors, architects and architecture firms, CPA/GFO attended letters.

It is not the intent of this list to endorse the participants nor to imply a project's size or numerical rank indicates its quality.

Researched by Kevin Black

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**School of Peace**



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## National

**University of San Diego wins Everest Summit Award**

KATHMANDU, May 26: CPN- Maoist Chairman, Prachanda gave away the "Everest Summit Award" to the Institute for Peace & Justice (University of San Diego) amidst a function held here Sunday.

Dr. Dee Aker received the award on behalf of the Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, an American organisation. Today's Youth Asia Magazine had organised the event. Everest Summit Award was launched as an international award from Nepal in February 2008 by 'Today's Youth Asia Magazine' and the first award was offered to Ms Aram Hur & Indigo Sowon of South Korea.

Associate Editor of Today's Youth Asia magazine, Ayusha Nirola said, "Today's Youth Asia in Nepal launched this humanitarian award to recognize those international figures who have been successful in bringing about a constructive positive reform in the society, to benefit global humanity through their tireless contribution to humanitarian works, peace, education and media."

Chief Guest at this award ceremony, Maoists Chairman Prachanda said that he welcomed the participation of the international community in the development process of Nepal. He also congratulated Institute for Peace & Justice and said, "I am convinced that our next generation will contribute to Nepal's progress and development and the Everest Summit Award is the first step towards achieving that positive identity worldwide."

Santosh Shah, the Publisher & Editor of Today's Youth Asia magazine and the Director of the Everest Summit Award stated that, "Despite several shortcomings of Nepal's politics and developments, TYA is making an effort to create at least some young leaders who can serve Nepal in various technical fields. Institute for Peace & Justice has contributed to the peace and justice of several conflict-ridden nations worldwide. We are impressed with their practical approach and innovative and effective methods."

The recipient of the award Dr. Dee Aker said, "In our work around the world, perhaps it is the inspiration and dedication of the women peacemakers and commitment of youth that teaches us the most about the essentials in peace building." She also said, "People want to cultivate a new respect for diversity while working for inclusion of voices and the profound rights of citizens. We hope to join you in the creation of a truly inclusive, democratic and just state."

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# LA UIA PRESENTE EN USD

Alumnos y académicos de Derecho



La Universidad de San Diego (USD), a través del Instituto Transfronterizo (TBI), organizó un foro titulado "Justicia en México" con el objetivo de analizar la situación jurídica actual y el escenario que se avecina con las nuevas reformas.

El Dr. David Shirk, Director de TBI, dio la bienvenida y expresó su enorme gusto por la realización de este foro, así como la participación de los académicos, pero más que nada, de los jóvenes estudiantes, ya que ellos serán los actores en el resultado de estas reformas.

Importantes personalidades en el ámbito legislativo de México, se dieron cita en la ciudad fronteriza para compartir experiencias e intercambiar opiniones sobre el futuro mexicano en dicho marco.

Alumnos y académicos de Derecho de la UBA fueron testigos en las diferentes mesas y paneles de discusión.

Las temáticas oscilaron básicamente en procesos de reformas, justicia penal, falta de transparencia, pero sobre todo de la poca confianza de la ciudadanía en las autoridades tanto políticas como judiciales.

De igual manera se tocó el tema de la transición de los juicios escritos a orales y su impacto en el estado.

A partir del año 2009 entrarán en vigor Mexicali, en 2010 en Ensenada, y para el año 2011 Tijuana empezará con la nueva modalidad.

Lic. Juan Ignacio Reyes-Retana, Egresado UIA, Universidad de Coahuila



Mtro. David Fernández Mena, Dir. del Dpto. de Ciencias Jurídicas



El Director del Departamento de Ciencias Jurídicas, Mtro. David Fernández Mena fungió como Moderador de la mesa: Iniciativas de la Reforma Penal a nivel estatal en México. Con el objetivo de realizar un diagnóstico de los avances, retrocesos y retos de la reforma penal en los estados de Coahuila, Chihuahua y Nuevo León, en ella participaron: Mag. Miguel Medina, de la Suprema Corte de Chihuahua, Lic. Rubén Vasconcelos Méndez, Procurador de Justicia de Oaxaca, Dr. Francisco Gurjón Gómez, Director de la Escuela de Derecho y Criminología de la Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León y el Dr. Antonio Berchermann Arizpe, académico de la Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila.

El Mtro. Fernández Mena fue el único representante por parte de las instituciones educativas de la zona fronteriza Tijuana-San Diego.

En la mesa de "Reforma de la Justicia en México, lo que sigue" contó con la participación de Juan Ignacio Reyes-Retana, egresado de la UIA y que en representación de Baker & McKenzie Abogados, dio sus opiniones sobre el tema. Reyes-Retana se especializa en asuntos de comercio y arbitraje internacional.

Al final de esta jornada los jóvenes platicaron con el Dr. Shirk quien los felicitó por su entusiasmo y compromiso como futuros abogados conscientes y preocupados por su país.

Dr. David Shirk y Alumnos de Derecho



May 2, 2008

## College hosts conference of relief organizations

**SAN DIEGO:** San Diego City College will host the Conference for International Relief Organizations tomorrow at its downtown campus.

The conference will provide a platform for international relief and peace-making organizations to raise awareness about their mission and provide ways the San Diego community can help with global relief.

Dee Aker, the interim director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego, will be the featured speaker.

The free event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at 1313 Park Blvd. -r.s.

## El pizarrón

### Novedades y actividades en la comunidad

#### Asambleísta

El Instituto Transfronterizo de la Universidad de San Diego tendrá como invitada a la asambleísta estatal Lori Saldaña como parte de la 12th Annual Sister Sally Furay Lecture, el 5 de mayo a las 6 p.m. en el Joan B. Kroc Theatre de la universidad. Saldaña hablará acerca del medio ambiente y las relaciones laborales en la frontera. También hablará de cómo las elecciones presidenciales afectan a la región de San Diego-Baja California. Entrada gratis. Informes: 619.260.4090.

#### Federación Chicana

La Chicano Federation tendrá su almuerzo anual Unity Luncheon el viernes 9 de mayo a las 12:30 p.m. El invitado especial es el Dr. David Hayes-Bautista, profesor de medicina y director del Centro para el Estudio de la Salud y Cultura Latina en la Universidad de California de Los Angeles. \$50 por persona. Informes: 619.285.5600, ext. 308.

#### Cena de mariachis

La Mariachi Scholarship Foundation invita a su cena anual el viernes 9 de mayo a las 7:30 p.m. en el San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego. Informes: 619.585.4405.

#### Jóvenes destacados

La Hispanic Heritage Foundation entregará los 2008 Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards el miércoles 14 de mayo a las 6:30 p.m. en el Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice de la Universidad de San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. Informes: 1.888.330.7637.

#### Almuerzo de tamales

Los Family Health Centers of San Diego tendrán su tradicional almuerzo bimestral Spirit of the Barrio el viernes 16 de mayo a las 11:45 a.m. en 1728 Newton Ave., en Barrio Logan. El invitado especial será el novelista Jesse Kellerman. \$25 por persona. Informes: 619.515.2562.

#### Neuróticos Anónimos

El grupo Aprendiendo a Vivir ofrece ayuda a personas que sienten ira, celos, ansiedad, preocupación o depresión. Se reúnen los lunes y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m. en 1932nd Street, esquina con Imperial Avenue, en un salón al lado de la iglesia Cristo Rey. La entrada es gratuita.

Para incluir actividades, mandar los datos con dos semanas de anticipación a [editorial@mienlace.com](mailto:editorial@mienlace.com), con atención a Pablo Jaime Sáinz.

# enlace

April 26, 2008

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**Other**

## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

### Laurie Coskey Honored by USD

The University of San Diego honored Rabbi Laurie Coskey with the author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award on April 26. Rabbi Coskey has been committed to issues of social justice for more than 20 years, and as executive director of the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County, she has made it her goal to defend the poor and marginalized. An alumna of USD, she is being honored for her dedication and leadership in these causes. The USD Alumni Honors celebration is a gala evening of dinner tributes and dancing and begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. For more information, visit [www.sandiego.edu/alumni/](http://www.sandiego.edu/alumni/)



PHOTO COURTESY LAURIE COSKEY

**CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Rabbi Laurie Coskey is being recognized for her commitment to social justice.

*honors* or call (619) 260-4819.

# USD candlelight vigil honors victims of hate crimes

## Vigil hits home for one USD student

by Rick Braatz

Chelsea Malta knows all too well the impact a hate crime can have on a family.

"It killed our family," said Malta, a freshman at the University of San Diego, whose uncle was killed in a hate-related incident last year. "It changed my mom completely."

In June, it will be one year since Robin Malta, Malta's uncle and a hair-stylist, was killed in New Orleans.

"One day he just didn't show up for work," she said. "We all thought he stayed out too late the night before ... My mom and a stylist went to his house ... and they found him flat out on the bed. The newspapers said he was bludgeoned to death."

Malta was one of about 50 people, including students, faculty and staff at USD, who attended a hate crimes vigil April 30. The vigil, hosted by the USD United Front Multicultural Center (UFMC), was organized in the wake of 14 hate crimes or bias incidents on the private college campus in the last year.

The most recent incident, reported April 7, involved an LGBT Awareness Month display being defaced. The vigil included a candle lighting, a walk across campus and a reading of the names of GLBT hate crimes victims. The campus' Pride Alliance, Campus Ministries and the office of Public Safety co-sponsored the event.

The vigil was held "to honor those who have been lost to hate-motivated violence, to educate others on the dangers of intolerance, hate speech and bullying, and to come together to celebrate the resiliency of the LGBT com-

munity, while standing together as one collective voice," said Frank Pancucci, a graduate assistant at the UFMC who organized the gathering.

"I have young children and it's really important to me that they will grow up in a relatively safe world that is inclusive of all kinds of love," said Amy Besnoy, a USD faculty member who attended the vigil with her son.

Pancucci and Jessica Swetin, a member of the Pride Alliance, handed out index cards with names on them of GLBT hate crimes victims and details of the victim's death. They also handed out white votive candles.

They led a silent procession from the center of campus to the west side, along Marian Way, a major campus thoroughfare.

Pancucci asked all to read from their index cards.

"Lawrence King, Feb. 12, 2008, Oxnard, Calif.: 15-year-old middle school student, shot in the back of the head by a male classmate, after asking that classmate to be his Valentine," Pancucci read aloud from his card.

One by one, others followed:

"Nireah Johnson, July 23, 2003, Indianapolis, Ind.: Johnson, an African American trans woman, was murdered by Paul Moore after Moore discovered Johnson was biologically male ..."

"Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, Dec. 4, 1995, Medford, Ore.: Ellis, 53, and Abdill, 42, a lesbian couple murdered by Robert Acremant. Acremant told authorities he intended to rob the couple and knowing they were lesbian made it easier for him to kill them ..."

"Satender Singh, July 5, 2007, Sacramento, Calif.: A 26-year-old man who died from brain injuries. He was spending time with friends at a local lake, when he was singled out by two men at the campground. These two men began to use anti-gay comments and then one of the men hit Satender in the head. He died four days later ..."

"Scott Joe Weaver, July 22, 2004, Bay Minette, Ala.: An 18-year-old murder victim ... was beaten, strangled, and stabbed numerous times, partially decapitated, and his body was doused in gasoline and set on fire ..."

Nearly finished reading her card, Malta broke down. With one hand rubbing tears from her eyes, she mentioned her uncle, Robin.

"Robin Malta, my uncle, June 11, 2007, New Orleans," she said. ●

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***USD among the many Catholic universities with pro-gay club***

Out of 211 Catholic universities and colleges in the U.S., at least 96 have pro-homosexual clubs on campus—including the University of San Diego.

That's according to a study by The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP).

Georgetown University, the nation's oldest Catholic university, plans a new center for homosexual students; the university already has a pro-gay club. Patrick Reilly, president of the Cardinal Newman Society, said there has been a significant increase in homosexual activism on Catholic campuses recently—even though many still maintain biblical standards.

— E.P. News



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## *Pervious Pavers ...*



USD and UCSD students made pervious pavers at the Tijuana Estuary last weekend. The pavers will be used to construct roads in Los Laureles Canyon and will allow rainwater to drain slowly into the ground, preventing erosion. Pictured: Alex Cha (left) and Megan Eguchi.

Photo by Nina McDonald

## GETTING HOME SAFE

Along with our recommendations for the best new nightlife spots, here are a few options to make sure you get home safe if you've absorbed a little too much ambience:

### Safe Ride Solutions

This DUI-prevention program started in 2006, after the Steve Foley incident, to help San Diego Chargers players avoid trouble after a night out. Founder Gary Lawrence of Lawrence & Associates has teamed up with business professional Matt Mahoney and Chargers pro bowler Lorenzo Neal to offer the program in 10 cities across the country. For an annual fee of \$100 plus a usage fee, members have round-the-clock access to this designated-driver service. The drivers are off-duty law enforcement officials, who get you back home in your car. 208-938-4500; saferidesolutions.net.

### For College Students

The University of San Diego and Orange Cab Service provide undergraduate students with a College Cab service. Currently enrolled students will be picked up and brought back to campus. If the student pays for half the fare within two weeks, USD will cover the rest; otherwise, the student will be billed for the entire cab fare. 619-291-3333.

University of California, San Diego students can use the free Associated Students safe-ride program, available from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights during the academic year. Students must sign an A.S. Safe Ride Waiver form and receive an A.S. Safe Ride sticker. Once registered, students get three free rides per quarter. 619-564-7998.

San Diego State University and Point Loma Nazarene University do not currently offer safe-ride programs.

### Speed Bump

The Designated Drivers Association's San Diego chapter was active until a few months ago. Founder Raymond Gross was forced to shut the operation down for lack of funding. Since 2001, the volunteer-run, nonprofit organization had provided individuals with a free ride home in their own car. Gross is currently working with the San Diego city attorney's office to obtain grant money to revamp the program.

— GISELLE DOMDOM

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**R**udolph and Sletten Inc. has been named general contractor for the Hahn University Center expansion and renovation project at USD. The \$28 million addition and renovation, scheduled for completion in May 2009, is the construction firm's fourth project on the USD campus.

The project includes a new 53,000-square-foot addition to — and complete renovation of — the existing 33,000-square-foot Hahn University Center. The center serves as the hub for student activities and contains dining areas, meeting rooms, lounges and offices for students and faculty.

The expansion will add a full-service dining area and greenhouse market as well as additional office space for student affairs, campus publications and campus clubs and organizations. The Hahn Center design will incorporate the 16th century Spanish Renaissance architecture theme of the overall USD campus, with the addition of a green roof.

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## Demand Climbs for Wireless Voice, Multimedia and Internet Access in California

Verizon Wireless adds seven new cell sites in San Diego County to stay ahead of the growth

IRVINE, Calif., May 23 /PRNewswire/ -- Wireless users in more California locations are now experiencing expanded voice and data coverage thanks to the addition of new cell sites from Verizon Wireless, the carrier with the highest customer loyalty.

The new sites improve overall coverage and call capacity for customers in and around:

- Oceanside -- Along Mesa Drive from El Camino Real to Old Grove Road and surrounding residential area near the El Camino High School
- Ramona -- Downtown Ramona and surrounding area
- San Diego --
  - Downtown San Diego, including Petco Park and nearby high rise condominiums
  - Along Mission Boulevard and Ocean Front Walk in Mission Beach, and surrounding area, including Belmont Park
  - In-building coverage for high rise condominiums and downtown San Diego, south of "Little Italy"
  - Along Linda Vista Road and the southern end of the University of San Diego and residential area in Bay Park
- San Marcos -- To the central San Marcos area, near Highway 78
- Solana Beach -- Along Camino Del Mar and Coast Highway 101 and surrounding area, including Del Mar Fairgrounds

The recent expansion adds to Verizon Wireless' \$4.6 billion dollar investment in California last year. Nationwide the company has invested nearly \$45 billion since it was formed -- \$5.5 billion on average every year -- to increase the coverage and capacity of its national wireless network and to add services like BroadbandAccess, V CAST, VZ Navigator(SM) and many more.

Verizon Wireless is the most widely used brand of service in wireless. The company now serves more than 67.2 million customers nationwide. In the first quarter of 2008, the company delivered nearly 58 billion text messages and completed 133 million downloads of music, videos, games, ringtones, and exclusive content, including 34.6 million video and music downloads.

"Our network expansion in California is just another example of how we invest our resources to stay ahead of demand and to make sure that our customers enjoy a superior wireless experience," said John Palmer, regional president of Verizon Wireless.

"This consistent investment is a key reason Verizon Wireless has ranked first in customer loyalty in the industry in each of the last 14 quarters.\*"

Other examples of company leadership include being first to offer nationwide plans with unlimited calling and the only provider to offer a 30-day network "Test Drive" pledge that pays for calls if a customer isn't



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## Banking on tourism - naturally

By Grant Welker  
 Herald News Staff Reporter  
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Fall River — Bristol Community College on Friday officially kicked off its geotourism program — one of the first in the country — with a workshop featuring a tourism director from National Geographic.

The program will begin this fall with courses focusing on the geographic or natural aspects of tourism — beaches, mountains and lakes, instead of casinos, resorts and theme parks. BCC modeled the program after George Washington University's, the first of its kind when created in the 1970s. George Washington's International Institute of Tourism Studies will actively work with BCC as it does the University of San Diego and colleges in Toronto, Korea, Jordan and Trinidad.

BCC students can earn an associate's degree in business administration with a concentration in geotourism-destination planning.

"It will be different," said Cecil Leonard, BCC's business administration chairman. "It's a new way of thinking."

The program includes many courses already part of other business programs, like public relations, principles of marketing and principles of accounting. Seven new courses have been added — introduction to geotourism, principles of community-based tourism, geotourism management, strategic geotourism marketing, geotourism assessment, a seminar in geotourism and cooperative work experience.

BCC connected with George Washington through Bob Billington, the college's leisure services coordinator. Billington is also president and CEO of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, which has hosted conferences with some George Washington faculty. The program has been in the works for more than a year, and Billington will help train BCC faculty to teach the new courses.

The natural resource aspect of tourism hasn't been utilized in this area, Leonard said, mentioning history, beaches and vineyards. Jonathan Tourtellot, the senior editor and director of the National Geographic Society's Center for Sustainable Destinations, also mentioned the area's high Portuguese population as a potential draw for unique food, music and culture.

Geotourism gives an incentive for an area to preserve what makes it special, Tourtellot told a few dozen in the crowd on Friday, many from area tourism offices. A natural-resource based tourism destination begins a continuous loop by benefiting the community and encouraging protection of those resources, he said.

Small businesses benefit from geotourism, Tourtellot said, because a destination's uniqueness — its own shops, restaurants, and artists — are stressed instead of, say, national chains. Similarly, sprawl can greatly harm a destination's appeal to ecotourists, he said. Who would visit a place that looked like everywhere else, he asked.

Sprawl has spoiled the natural beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Gettysburg, Pa., Tourtellot said. He showed a picture from his room at the Hampton Inn in Westport and admonished his view of a parking lot, highway and billboards. There also weren't any brochures to regional attractions he could find.

Nearly two-thirds of travelers say their experience is better when the destination preserves its natural, historic and cultural attractions, and more than half say their trip is better when they learn about their destination's history, according to a National Geographic study.

Leonard isn't sure yet how the area might benefit from BCC's geotourism program. Graduates would likely go on to work as tourism destination managers, tour operators, planners, marketers or business-owners, the course catalog says.

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## **Gwen Stefani Attends the San Diego Foundation's 2008 Scholarship Awards Ceremony**

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SAN DIEGO - (Business Wire) The San Diego Foundation, which administers the largest non-university-based scholarship program in San Diego County, held its 10th annual Scholarships Awards Ceremony on May 17, 2008, at the University of San Diego's Shiley Theatre for students, parents, school personnel and scholarship donors.

Over the past 10 years, The San Diego Foundation has witnessed steady growth in its scholarship funds. The Foundation offers a wide variety of scholarships, and this year alone more than 500 students received \$2.5 million dollars in financial assistance.

One of the newest scholarships stands out for its heartfelt response to the tragic losses caused by the October 2007 fires that devastated San Diego County. Entertainer Gwen Stefani donated \$165,000 in proceeds from her October 30, 2007 San Diego concert to The San Diego Foundation Fire Relief Fund. As a result, the Gwen Stefani After-the-Fires Scholarship fund was created for high school seniors and college students who lost their homes and/or source of income during the disaster.

"When the fires happened and we decided to donate the San Diego show proceeds to charity, it felt good to know that I could help in some way," said Stefani, who surprised the crowd by personally presenting the scholarships to the recipients. "To be able to meet these kids and see that the scholarships are having such an impact on their future is very rewarding. It was an exciting day."

"The financial demands of recovering and rebuilding after the fires may result in families being unable to pay for their child's education. In some cases, families have several children in college at the same time, which increases the financial burden the fires created for them," said Todd Gutschow, chair of The San Diego Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee. "Ms. Stefani's generous gift will allow these students to pursue their education as planned."

The 16 Gwen Stefani After-the-Fires scholarship recipients come from all backgrounds with a variety of academic aspirations. Yet, they share the bond of losing everything in the October fires. Esther Hess, a senior from Rancho Bernardo High School, lost her home, as well as a substantial part of her father's income due to the fires. The additional financial strain of three children in college at the same time was almost too much to bear. Esther feared that her dreams of attending college would have to be put on hold. Erica Wery, another fire victim, rushed to evacuate senior citizens from the elder care facility her family operated out of their home. Thankfully, everyone made it out safe, but Erica's family lost their home and their income was affected, as well. Both of these students, along with 14 others, will be able to

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From the Los Angeles Times

## Expletive enlivens San Diego's mayoral race

A campaign that had not captured interest is suddenly hot after the incumbent lobs profanity at challenger.

By Tony Perry

Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

May 12, 2008

SAN DIEGO -- — A four-letter word has enlivened an otherwise wonkish mayoral race between incumbent Jerry Sanders and businessman Steve Francis, attracting much more attention than the two Republicans' disputes over infrastructure needs and municipal financing.

Annoyed by Francis' multimillion-dollar barrage of television commercials questioning his honesty and integrity, the normally low-key Sanders refused to shake Francis' hand after an Earth Day debate and instead said to him, "... you."

The unprintable expletive was not heard by the Balboa Park audience. But Francis quickly told a friendly blogger about the incident. The news website Voice of San Diego picked up the story, followed by the San Diego Union-Tribune.

The incident presaged an escalation of rhetoric on both sides. Francis' TV ads have become more biting. Sanders has lashed back, calling him a hypocrite who is trying to buy the mayor's seat.

The incumbent and the challenger agree on one point: The flap has injected some energy into a campaign that had not captured the public's interest.

If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote June 3, there will be a runoff.

There are three other candidates: Eric Bidwell, 25, a dreadlocked T-shirt salesman; Jim Hart, 55, who is running on an environmental platform; and Floyd Morrow, 75, who served on the City Council in the 1970s.

Francis, 53, who made a fortune running an employment agency for the medical industry, contends that his business experience enables him to better handle the city's chronic budget woes. He says Sanders is too cozy with developers.

Sanders, 57, a former police chief and Red Cross and United Way executive, argues that progress is being made on the city's finances and that the public should be patient. He says he crafted the city's toughest-ever disclosure law to ride herd on developers and their lobbyists.

In 2005, Sanders defeated self-described "surfer chick" Councilwoman Donna Frye, a Democrat, to serve out the unexpired term of Mayor Dick Murphy, a Republican who had resigned amid a furor over his handling of the city's pension deficit. Francis was eliminated in the primary.

Clashing constantly with City Atty. Mike Aguirre, Sanders has moved to trim the city's payroll, restructure its pension program and regain the trust of Wall Street so the city can sell bonds for an array of delayed projects. Sanders was widely praised for his leadership during last fall's fires, which destroyed hundreds of homes.

Francis says Sanders is too slow, tentative and unfocused. He suggests that, unlike the mayor and most City Council members, he will be able to get along with Aguirre, whose combative -- some say self-aggrandizing -- style has alienated city, county and federal officials.

In his own reelection bid, Aguirre is facing a Superior Court judge, two City Council members and a former deputy city attorney. Francis has declined to endorse in that race; Sanders says, "Anybody but Aguirre."

Election officials have predicted a turnout of about 35%. For weeks, the mayor's race seemed overshadowed, even in political circles, by the story of a former City Council member arrested on suspicion of masturbating in his truck in a residential neighborhood where he was campaigning door-to-door.

Then came the Earth Day exchange. Francis says the episode shows how thin-skinned the mayor is when his policies are questioned.

"He's not used to it. People are usually fawning all over Jerry Sanders," Francis said. "I think it showed that Sanders is not really the nice guy that he wants people to believe. . . . If you're the mayor of a big city, you don't say things like that."

Sanders chides Francis for making what he said public.

"I haven't been tattled on since I was in third grade," the mayor said during an interview in his political consultant's office in the Little Italy neighborhood.

"For some reason, this seems to have resonated with the public," he said. "I'm not proud of it, but I'm not ashamed. I wasn't in a mood to exchange pleasantries."

At a debate at the University of San Diego a week after Earth Day, Sanders and Francis shook hands. But they did not make eye contact.

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## Hunter Becomes Hunted

By DAVID WASHBURN

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008** | From its outset, the story line in the race for San Diego City Council's District 7 seat was among the political season's most compelling, and clear cut: The well-schooled, conservative policy wonk up against the charismatic and more liberal-minded Troubleshooter.

Republican April Boling and her decades of experience with finances and service on key city boards and commissions versus Democrat Marti Emerald, Channel 10's hard-charging consumer advocate.

Until early April, these resume differences and the candidates' opposite stances on hot-button issues like the living wage ordinance and firefighter pay made the choice seemingly easy for voters in the politically-diverse district, which includes Tierrasanta, San Carlos, Del Cerro, Allied Gardens and College Area.

But then Emerald said some things to a group of college students, and on the Roger Hedgecock show, which forced her into that most dreaded of political maneuvers: The flip-flop.

The issues and experience likely will still end up deciding the race to replace a termed-out Jim Madaffer. But it has taken on a different hue in the weeks since Emerald, in a forum held by the University of San Diego College Democrats, indicated that she would consider supporting a trash collection fee, and left open the possibility of accepting part-time consulting work while serving on City Council.

A few days after the USD forum, she told conservative talk show host Roger Hedgecock that supplementing the \$75,000 annual councilmember salary with consulting work was a "possibility down the line." She also acknowledged that in September she was paid \$28,000 in consulting fees by William Lerach's former law firm just weeks after the infamous litigator was sentenced to prison for paying kickbacks to plaintiffs in his class action lawsuits.

Since that interview, Emerald has found herself in the position she put so many of her targets in during her two decades as the Troubleshooter -- namely on the defensive. As far as the trash collection fee, she insists that she has never advocated raising taxes. And she now says moonlighting is not an option.

"I opened my mouth before I thought through an issue," Emerald said this week. "It was a big lesson to me."

The gaffe was a gift to Boling who is fighting what some say is an uphill battle against Emerald's considerable name recognition and her image as a crusading reformer.



And she has capitalized, but not necessarily with a Karl Rovian relish. Following the Hedgecock interview, Boling's campaign continues to send e-mails saying Emerald would be a "part-time councilwoman." But the issue never came up during a two-hour candidates' forum last week in Tierrasanta.

"I was responding to the questions being asked," Boling said in her explanation as to why she didn't raise the issue at the forum. "The 150 people there deserved clear answers from the candidates."

Whether Emerald's inconsistencies will have a material effect on the election is a matter of debate among politics watchers

"In the beginning, I thought [the election] would be a runaway for Marti," said Scott Hasson, president of the Tierrasanta Community Council. "But it feels like she has lost some steam."

Others say it will likely not resonate beyond political insiders and Hedgecock listeners, a group that wouldn't vote for Emerald anyway.

"It only becomes an issue among the chattering class," said Steve Erie, a University of California, San Diego political science professor.

Yet the race for District 7 has arguably been the most watched of the four council races this year.

Voter registration is split relatively even among Democrats and Republicans, and includes a large percentage of political independents. But the district has elected only Republicans since the advent of district-only elections. Center-left candidates usually fair badly because a large number of the registered Democrats are San Diego State University students who tend not to vote in local elections.

But Emerald may change things. She is drawing heavy support from labor leaders, who see her as their best candidate in decades for the seat.

"It is absolutely one of our priority races," said Lorena Gonzalez, secretary-treasurer of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Boling and Emerald are running close to each other in fundraising -- Boling had raised \$143,552 to Emerald's \$133,753 as of mid March. Their endorsements largely follow party lines with Emerald getting the endorsements of the Sierra Club and Planned Parenthood along with all of the labor unions. Boling is supported by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and California Women's Leadership Association.

Each holds positions on the issues that largely reflect their party biases, but Boling's stances are more unequivocal than Emerald's.

Boling is in favor of outsourcing city jobs, and getting rid of the DROP program, which allows city workers to bank pension benefits while still working for the city. She is against the living wage law, giving raises to firefighters and recycling wastewater into drinking water. She supports Jan Goldsmith for city attorney.

Emerald is in favor of the living wage law, raising firefighter pay and recycling wastewater for drinking water. She seems against outsourcing city jobs, but won't rule it out. She claims to need more information on the DROP program and says she doesn't yet know who she will support for city attorney.

As it is in every city race this year, San Diego's budget crisis is the most talked about topic in District 7. Emerald says she will use her well-honed journalistic skills to "follow the money," and Boling says she will draw upon her deep knowledge of city finances to make necessary, yet politically unpopular decisions.

This is the 53-year-old Emerald's first run for political office. Up until now she has spent her entire career in broadcast journalism. She started as a Washington, D.C.-based freelancer for Associated Press radio in the late 1970s, and also worked in radio in Los Angeles and Portland.

In 1985, she landed at Channel 10, where she gained local fame as the on-air Troubleshooter, ferreting out consumer rip-offs of all stripes. She says her three decades of covering government make up for her lack of experience serving in government.

"I've been involved in the process of influencing public policy for a very long time," said Emerald who has lived in Tierrasanta for 19 years and claims to have not decided to run until September when her contract was up at Channel 10.

"I see how it works and understand how to put an issue on the front burner and make change happen for consumers."

The 57-year-old Boling is among the most versed people in San Diego when it comes to city finances. She started her accounting career as a budget analyst for the Navy, and opened her own firm in 1989.

Boling has an extensive record of service on key city boards and committees. She has been chairwoman of the San Diego Convention Center Corp. and the San Diego Taxpayers Association, and served on the city's pension reform committee and the San Diego Citizens' Budget Committee.

A San Diego native and 32-year resident of San Carlos, Boling lost a campaign for the District 7 seat to Judy McCarty in 1993. She said that at the time she swore she would never run again, but decided at the end of 2006 to give it another shot.

"I decided to run this time because of my cumulative frustration with the way the city is being run," Boling said. "You sit on all of these committees and make all these recommendations, and the council won't act on those that are politically difficult."

Also running in District 7 are Republicans Bill Daniel and David Tos. Both Daniel, a middle school teacher, and Tos, a San Diego Police officer, are underfunded and new to the district. And both describe themselves as long shots.

"Obviously I'm fighting the big guys," said the 45-year-old Tos, an 18-year veteran of the SDPD, who serves as a community relations officer. "I'm trying to do it at a grass roots level."

Daniel, a 56-year-old San Diego native and public school teacher for 23 years, describes himself as a "Johnny come lately" to politics. He used his closing statements at the Tierrasanta forum to speak out against illegal immigration.

*Please contact [David Washburn](#) directly with your thoughts, ideas, personal stories or tips. Or send a letter to the editor.*



City Council candidate Marti Emerald has found herself in the position she put so many of her targets in during her two decades as the Troubleshooter -- on the defensive. Photo: [Sam Hodgson](#)


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**BUDDIES FOR LIFE: TEEN RAISES MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER IN MOM'S MEMORY**Last Updated:  
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News 8's Buddies for Life is about bringing you stories of inspiration and hope from people whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. The disease changed Poway High School senior Gabriella Murrieta's life. Now she walks to keep her mother's memory alive and to raise money to find a cure.

Gabrielle, or Gabby, knows what it's like to live with breast cancer.

"I grew-up with my mom having it. She had it for 17 years..so all my life," she said.

Renee Murieta was diagnosed with breast cancer before her youngest daughter was born.

Much of Gabby's childhood was spent in waiting rooms and full of uncertainty.

"Cause she just like didn't want to be alone when she went, I mean no one wants to be alone. She would be like really out of it afterwards, twice a week and then she had to do radiation," said Gabby "It was kinda normal, I guess, cause I never knew my mom without cancer."

It may have seemed normal, but it wasn't easy.

"It was hard, but it was just like, it was different my friends didn't have to go through that," Gabby continued.

Over the years, the little girl learned something about her mom.

"She's a fighter, definitely," she noted.

And Gabby is a fighter too, fighting breast cancer. That's why she's on the campus of the University of San Diego, getting ready for the Walk for Hope.

She walked in the City of Hope's 9th Annual San Diego Hope To Cure Breast Cancer.

Throughout all the years of doctor appointments, chemotherapy and radiation, Gabby was with her mom.

Renee Murietta's legacy to her daughter - help others find a cure for breast cancer. And Gabby is fulfilling that legacy.

For her senior class project she organized, Help Poway Fight Breast Cancer, in her mom's memory.

"I decided to have a breast cancer walk at my high school, so that was a huge accomplishment," added Gabby.

More than 125 her of fellow Poway High School students, teachers and friends put on their walking shoes and raised almost \$4,000.

"It'll eventually lead to a cure, which will be like a miracle," she said.

In a few months, Gabby will begin a new chapter in her young life at Long Beach State University.

"I have a Susan G. Koman scholarship for \$40,000," Gabby explained.

Her winning essay was chosen over hundreds of entries.

"My essay was on...how has breast cancer changed your life?" she said.

And to all the children whose lives have been changed by breast cancer, because their moms are living with and fighting the disease...

"Just give her the support and love she needs," Gabby concluded.

Gabby will major in education at Long Beach State and wants to be an elementary school teacher.

She also plans to walk in the Susan G. Koman 3-Day.

Today is the 8th of the month. So call your buddy and remind her to do her breast exam and don't forget to do yours, as well.

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## Watney making a connection She's embracing 'Nation' for NESN

By Nancy Marrapese-Burrell, Globe Staff | May 9, 2008

Heidi Watney, NESN's new Red Sox reporter, had spent her entire life in her native California but was ready for a change. So when the opportunity to come cross-country was presented, she jumped at it.

"It's going great, it's the ideal situation for being in a new place with a new job," said Watney, reached by telephone from Detroit Wednesday where she was covering the Red Sox.

She knows the expectations are high, given the performance and popularity of her predecessor, Tina Cervasio.

"I definitely know I have big shoes to fill, people have told me that," said Watney, 26. "She was wonderful, she was great, and from all accounts, she's a wonderful person as well. I hope to bring something new to it and my own style to it. With hard work and doing a good job, I hope to win everyone over."

Watney, a former beauty queen, was born and raised in Fresno and graduated from the University of San Diego in 2003. She said her brief time with the Red Sox has been positive.

"I was told and warned almost [about the passion of Red Sox Nation]," said Watney.

During a couple of games at Fenway Park, she moved from one area of the ballpark to another to speak with fans.

"I sat on the Green Monster one night, I sat in the dugout seats, and I sat in the grandstand," said Watney. "I just kind of made my way around the park. I talked to fans and sat there and listened. I got an idea of everyone's fanhood and how passionate people are about the Red Sox."

"People volunteer their opinions. I guess you could say I'm an outsider but I don't look at it that way. I've lived in California my whole life. I'm the kind of person, I love new adventures. I love to travel, I don't mind living out of a suitcase. To me, it's exciting and that's part of the draw to this job."

The former Miss California contestant (she was the third runner-up in 2003) said competing in pageants was just a small facet of her life.

"My experience was great," she said. "You practice your interviewing skills, you practice your public speaking. It's something that really propelled me into this career. If I hadn't done that, I don't know that I would've been as prepared for this job."

"I don't consider myself a pageant girl. In college, I was on an academic scholarship. I was a National Merit Scholar. I graduated with honors. There is a lot more to me than the couple of years I competed in beauty pageants."

Watney, whose father, Mike, is the golf coach at Fresno State, said she has always loved sports. Her cousin, Nick Watney, is on the PGA Tour.

Heidi came to Boston from Fox affiliate KMPH-TV in Fresno. The Fresno Bee reported in December she had been suspended for cursing at a school administrator, but Watney said she left the station on good terms.

## Baseball beauty's on the road Watney to cover Red Sox for NESN

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NESN's new Red Sox [team stats] reporter is the latest beauty-queen-turned-sportscaster to arrive in Boston, but Heidi Watney says she's not your usual pageant princess.

The California native was crowned Miss Central Valley in 1999. When she was a senior in high school, a family friend from church encouraged her to compete - and she did after convincing her mother to let her enter.

She was later first runner-up for Miss California.

"I'm not your typical pageant girl," Watney told MediaBiz yesterday. "I entered two weeks before the actual pageant because someone said 'enter,' and I wore my senior prom dress. It wasn't some JonBenet Ramsey thing. It was fun."

But Watney, who is on the road with the Red Sox in Detroit, said she values her pageant experience and the contacts she made along the way.



At the Miss California pageant while she was in college, the self-proclaimed sports aficionado met a woman who works at Fox News who told her to get an internship.

Watney did. She interned at an NBC affiliate in San Diego and discovered she loved covering sports.

The pageant experience also helped her land some modeling jobs and a gig as an extra on the hit sitcom "Friends."

Watney, 26, made her debut on NESN this week. She replaces Tina Cervasio, who left the sports network for a job in New York City.

Like the popular Cervasio, NESN's new Sox sideline reporter should be a hit with the guys.

"I've always been a sports junkie," said Watney, whose father is Mike Watney, the longtime golf coach at Fresno State.

Watney grew up on a golf course in Fresno - but don't ask her to play. "I'm terrible," she confessed.

A University of San Diego graduate, the single Watney arrived in Boston last week and spent most of her time at Fenway Park [map]. She bought a GPS gadget her second day here after getting lost, because the city streets are "a little different" than California's street grids.

Watney comes to the East Coast from Fox affiliate KMPH-TV in Fresno, where she grew up. When she first joined the station over four years ago, she was its morning traffic and weather reporter.

After the weekend sports anchor left, Watney went into the news director's office every day, begging him to give her the sports job. She handed him tapes of her sportscasts. "He was still a little bit wary of a female sportscaster in Fresno, because we didn't have any," Watney said.

Finally, he gave her the weekend sports anchor and reporter job in 2005.

Watney says she got a taste of reporting on baseball last summer while covering Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants. "I thought, 'I really love this. I'd love to latch on with a team, travel and cover baseball,'" she said.

In December, the Fresno Bee reported that Watney was suspended from KMPH for cursing at a school administrator. The newspaper said she didn't have permission to be on school grounds and cursed in front of students when she was asked to leave. Watney yesterday denied cursing.



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## **Merriman Curhan Ford Announces New Chief Financial Officer, Peter V. Coleman**

SAN FRANCISCO — Merriman Curhan Ford (NASDAQ:MERR) today announced that Peter V. Coleman has been hired as chief financial officer effective June 2, 2008. Coleman will replace John Hiestand, who, as announced earlier today, is leaving to become chief financial officer at Merlin Securities.

"Peter will be a great addition to our senior management team, and I welcome him to the firm," said Jon Merriman, chief executive officer of Merriman Curhan Ford. "With more than 15 years of experience in the investment banking industry, much of which has been spent at West Coast firms focused on high-growth companies, Peter is a natural fit for us. In addition, he will be an integral part of our efforts to articulate our value proposition to our clients and the investment community."

Coleman was most recently with ThinkPanmure (formerly ThinkEquity Partners), where he served as COO, CFO and was a member of the board of directors. Prior to that he was a principal and senior research analyst at Schwab SoundView, focusing on technology. Coleman has also held various positions as an analyst and trader with Banc of America Securities, Montgomery Securities and SunTrust Capital Markets. He began his career as a credit officer with Wells Fargo Bank. Coleman holds a B.A. from the University of San Diego.

Coleman commented: "I am delighted to join the management team of Merriman Curhan Ford. They have built a solid brand and have established themselves as one of the premier investment banks for fast-growing companies and sectors. The firm has a strong balance sheet, an aggressive team culture and is poised to attack the many opportunities presented by the current market turmoil. I look forward to being a part of the team as Merriman continues to grow."

### **About Merriman Curhan Ford**

Merriman Curhan Ford (NASDAQ:MERR) is a financial services firm focused on fast-growing companies and the institutions who invest in them. The company offers high-quality investment banking, equity research, institutional services, primary market research, asset management and corporate & venture services, and specializes in four growth industry sectors: CleanTech, Consumer, Health Care and Tech/Media/Telecom. For more information, please go to [www.mcfc.com](http://www.mcfc.com).

Note to Investors



May 3, 2008

SAN DIEGO COURTS

# 3 get life for beach condo rapes



With their attorneys at their side, defendants (from left) Donald Duante Smith, Willie Louis Watkins and Antonio Washington awaited sentencing at yesterday's hearing. Each got more than 316 years to life, the maximum allowed under state law. *Bruce K. Huff / U-T*

## USD students attacked, robbed in October 2006

By Dana Littlefield  
STAFF WRITER

Three men convicted of breaking into a Mission Beach condominium where they robbed and sexually assaulted a group of college students were sentenced yesterday to life in prison.

Willie Louis Watkins, 32; Donald Duante Smith, 21; and Antonio Washington, 19, were convicted Feb. 19 of a string of charges, including forcible rape, robbery and kidnapping.

A jury found the men guilty on all counts, a total of 76 felonies.

San Diego Superior Court Judge John S. Einhorn said yesterday that the defendants

committed a dozen distinct sexual acts, which called for consecutive prison terms. He sentenced each defendant to more than 316 years to life, the maximum allowed under state law.

Einhorn noted that the men's objective in the assaults was a desire to "denigrate and humiliate another human being." He said the men had ample opportunity to think about their actions and choose a different course.

"They could have stopped at any time," Einhorn said.

The attacks occurred about 2:30 a.m. Oct. 15, 2006, inside a South Mission Beach

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## Victim: Assaults 'changed who I was as a person'

condo on San Fernando Place. The men had been trolling the area near Belmont Park, looking to commit robberies, prosecutors said.

They entered the condo through an unlocked front door, surprising a young man and woman — two University of San Diego students — seated on a couch. Two other students were in an upstairs bedroom.

The victims testified during the trial that the men carried guns. Authorities later determined that the weapons were pellet guns.

Watkins, Smith and Washington repeatedly raped the two 18-year-old women in the condo and forced them to commit other sex acts. One of the male victims also was forced to have sex with one of

the women.

Eventually, the intruders left the condo, taking a television, credit cards, cell phones and other items. Two of the robbers forced the women outside, making them walk about a half-block up the street.

The men ran away when they saw police nearby.

Deputy District Attorney Patrick Espinoza said outside the courtroom yesterday that DNA evidence linked the defendants to the attacks. He said Washington and Smith also gave confessions to police about their involvement.

Watkins only admitted stealing a television.

One of the female victims was present in court yesterday. She wept as she spoke of the emotional pain she suffered over the past year and a half, and vented some of the anger she felt toward her attackers.

"You took away my sense of security. You caused me to lose my best friends. You forced me to leave the school I had dreamed of going to for

years ...," the woman said.

"You made me question if there is still good in all people. You changed who I was as a person ... I hate everything that you have done to me."

Smith fidgeted repeatedly in his seat during the sentencing hearing, as he had during the trial, smiling from time to time yesterday as he looked at paperwork. Watkins and Washington were more subdued.

When asked for their statements in court, Smith said he had been "railroaded" in the case, and Watkins disputed the DNA evidence presented at trial. Washington, whose attorney described him as a "scared" and "remorseful kid," did not speak in court, even when prompted by the judge.

Instead, defense lawyer John O'Connell spoke for Washington, saying he wanted to tell his family he loves them and that "he's sorry for everything that happened."

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## Mission Beach Rapists Sentenced To 316 Years To Life

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**SAN DIEGO** -- Three men who raped two University of San Diego students during a home-invasion robbery in Mission Beach 18 months ago were each sentenced Friday to more than 316 years to life in state prison.

Donald Duante Smith, 21, Antonio Washington, 19, and Willie Louis Watkins, 32, were convicted Feb. 19 of multiple sex crimes and other offenses for raping the women and holding two other male students in a bathtub while the attacks were going on.

The perpetrators even made one of the male students try to have sex with one of the 18-year-old women, then told the male he wasn't doing it right and continued the sexual assault themselves.

"You took away everything I value in my life," one of the rape victims said to the defendants. "You took away my sense of security. You caused me to lose my best friends.

"You forced me to leave the school I had dreamed of going to for years. You made my parents sick with worry. You made me question if there is still good in all people. You changed who I was as a person. I hate everything that you have done to me."

Smith, Washington and Watkins were sentenced under California's "one-strike" law, under which every completed sex act brings a sentence of 25 years to life.

Superior Court Judge John Einhorn said each defendant had time to reflect on their actions and could have stopped their sexual assault on the victims but instead decided to "resume their sexual carnage."

Einhorn said the consecutive life sentences for the "horrific" crimes were sufficient to ensure that the defendants "spend the rest of their lives in state prison."

The judge said the sexual assaults on the victims was more than sexual gratification and was meant to "degrade and humiliate another human being."

Deputy District Attorney Patrick Espinoza said the attack -- which happened on Oct. 15, 2006, during Parents Weekend at USD -- victimized not only the four college students and their families but the beach community as well.

In arguing for the maximum term of 316 years and four months to life in prison, Espinoza told the judge that "harshness and severity is justice" and "leniency is injustice."

Espinoza told the jury during trial that the intruders -- wearing bandanas and hooded sweatshirts -- walked in through an open front door at a condominium on San Fernando Place and assaulted the victims.

The intruders -- holding what turned out to be pellet guns -- demanded money and cell phones and made one of the women perform sex acts on them, the prosecutor said.

The students did not see the faces of their attackers and weren't even sure how many there were, Espinoza said.

But days after the attack, Smith turned himself in and admitted his participation in the robbery and sexual assaults, the prosecutor said.

Washington also turned himself in and told police how he sexually assaulted the victims, according to the prosecutor.

After Watkins was arrested, he admitted going into the residence and stealing a TV, but did not admit his role in the sexual assaults. However, Watkins' DNA turned up on one of the female victims, Espinoza said.

The prosecutor said Watkins went to Mission Beach the night of the attack separately from Smith and Washington.

Once there, the defendants met up with others, forming a group of about eight to 10 people, the prosecutor said.

The larger group came across three college students near the Belmont Park roller coaster and demanded money from them, Espinoza said.

Police detained four people in connection with that robbery after the larger group split up, but the victims were unable to identify their attackers, the prosecutor said.

As the group of four was questioned, a "bold and confident" Watkins came up and told police he was their uncle, the prosecutor said.

Those detained told police later they saw Watkins with a flat-screen TV and Smith and Washington with an Xbox, DVDs, a cell phone and bank cards that were taken from the home-invasion robbery on San Fernando Place, Espinoza said.

The next day, the defendants tried to sell their stolen loot and later went to a home in National City, where Watkins was overheard admitting his role in the sexual assaults, the prosecutor said.

Friday in court, a defiant Smith said he was "railroaded" and would be vindicated by an appeal.

"I didn't do this stuff," Smith said. "I don't feel no remorse because I didn't do it."

Washington's attorney, John O'Connell, said his client was a "very remorseful kid" whose parents abandoned him when he was 8 years old.

Watkins said DNA results excluded him from committing the sexual acts.

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### "It is not OK to be gay"

*Homosexual weekly alleges 14 "hate crimes" have occurred on University of San Diego campus in less than a year, urges crackdown on wrongdoers*

Claiming that 14 "hate crimes" have been committed on the campus of the University of San Diego since September 2007, the *Gay & Lesbian Times* says the Catholic school should institute "mandatory sensitivity/tolerance training for incoming students" and that students who don't get the message should be severely disciplined.

In a May 1 editorial by Joseph Peña, the San Diego weekly newspaper for homosexuals acknowledges that the university has tried -- but failed -- to provide a homosexual-friendly environment: "It seems the public safety office and the administrators at USD are supportive of the Pride Alliance and the Rainbow Educators, a GLBT awareness coalition of faculty, staff, students and alumni. The USD Campus Ministry Association and the office of public safety cosponsored the candlelight vigil last night. Safety seems to be the primary concern for all involved."

[[usdpride.jpg]]Nonetheless, wrote Peña, "It seems the message at the University of San Diego, despite the administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni's best efforts, is still this: it is not OK to be gay."

What were the "hate crimes" that prompted Peña's call for a crackdown? Virtually all of them involved students who vandalized posters and fliers put up around campus by homosexual groups announcing their activities on campus. For example, in early November 2007, campus police were summoned to the student union after receiving a report regarding "a Pride poster that had been vandalized," said the Nov. 22, 2007 *Gay & Lesbian Times*. "The poster that originally said 'PRIDE is an alliance of undergraduate men and women at USD...' was altered to say, 'PRIDE is an alliance of PERVERTS...'"

Other examples of "hate crimes" cited by the newspaper included instances in which "the words 'perverts' and 'sickos' were scrawled on the Pride organization's flyers." Such vandalism constitutes a criminal offense under California law, according to the Nov. 22, 2007 *Gay & Lesbian Times* "because they involve destroying property because of sexual orientation (Penal Code sec. 422.55)."

The 2007 story acknowledged that USD dean of students Donald R. Godwin, writing in the campus newspaper, had made it clear that "defacing of posters to denigrate a population of our community will not be tolerated."

But the university's homosexual-friendly administration and supportive campus police are not enough, said Peña in his May 1 editorial: "Many incoming students to private religious universities are raised in conservative families. While the university should respect the students' beliefs, it is important the university promotes diversity and creates a zero-tolerance policy for ignorant hate or bias-related crime or incidents. Students must understand the magnitude of their actions and be disciplined to the fullest extent."

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## Conversation with Lori Myers ... Winter Park's newest Planning Commission member

**BY KATIE LOOBY**  
**SKY-HI DAILY NEWS**  
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Long-time Winter Park resident Lori Myers was recently chosen for a seat on the Planning Commission Board.

After her husband, Jim Myers, was named mayor of Winter Park, he gave up his spot on the board because the Town Charter prohibits the mayor from serving on both boards.

Myers, 52, is a physical therapist and owner/director of Alpine Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, PC in Fraser and Granby since 1982 .



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The Lake City, Minn., native has resided in Winter Park for 28 years. She has two daughters, Lindsey, a recent graduate of CU-Colorado Springs, and Kelsi, a sophomore at University of San Diego.

Why did you want to join the planning commission?  
It sounds cliché, but I have made Winter Park my home for more of my life than anywhere else, so it is about time to give back to the community and help shape the continued progress of the town.

Did your husband's, Mayor Jim Myers, long-term service on Winter Park Board Trustees play a part in why you wanted to serve?  
Yes, from the standpoint that my awareness has been heightened by his participation for over two decades that it takes a lot of volunteer involvement to shape Winter Park into the community we want it to be. With a small population, so much has been accomplished and it's important that the work be distributed amongst as many of us as possible.

What are your goals as a member?  
Encourage responsible growth. Continue with the progress and beautification of our community. Make sure that we as locals remain in control of our community's future as much as possible.

Do you have any previous board experience?  
Fraser Creative Learning Center Board; Grand County Rural Health Network; Allied Health Professionals; Alpine Timbers Home Owner's Association and Architectural Design



## Orgulllos hispanos

**21 jóvenes de ascendencia hispana fueron galardonados por su intachable trayectoria académica y su participación comunitaria**

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**Tania Navarro**

Diario San Diego

**S**an Diego. En una emotiva ceremonia efectuada recientemente en el Instituto de Paz y Justicia Joan B. Kock de la Universidad de San Diego (SDU), 21 jóvenes de ascendencia hispana fueron galardonados durante la entrega de los Youth Awards, evento organizado de manera anual por la Fundación Hispanic Heritage.

Los estudiantes fueron reconocidos por su intachable trayectoria

académica y su participación comunitaria en las categorías excelencia académica, negocios, educación, ingeniería y matemáticas, periodismo, liderazgo y deportes

Cada uno recibió una beca educativa con valor de mil a tres mil dólares para cursar sus estudios profesionales.

Algunas autoridades que asistieron a la premiación fueron la alcaldesa de Chula Vista, Cheryl Cox; José Antonio Tiberino, presidente de la Fundación Hispanic Heritage y Pamela Gray Payton, de la SDU.



José Lizárraga, Diana Crofts- Pelayo, Youali Ramirez, Jackie Bradford.



Tessie Bracamonte, José Lizárraga, Martha Lizárraga, Dayana Lizárraga, Jaison Lizárraga.



Rosa Robles, Melissa Parra, Marie Bojórquez, Ana Bojórquez.



Theresa Mendoza, Nicolás Mendoza, Jenna Leiberg, Rubén Mendoza.



Eloy Valadez, Diana Valadez, Bianca Pelayo, Elva Pelayo.



María López, Antonia Castro, Jesús Castro, Cesar Castro, Daisy Castro.



Gloria Zavala, Erika Zavala, Noemí Zavala.



Martha Ramírez, Sarahi Ramírez, Youali Ramírez, Raúl Ramírez.



Fernando Navarro, Elizabeth Navarro, Beverly Navarro.



Andrea Schiller, Joe Tickey, Guillermo Guzman, Monique Barrios.

Daily Business Report

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AWARDS

The **Hispanic Heritage Foundation** will announce the 21 San Diego area winners of the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards during a Wednesday (May 14) ceremony at **USD**. As an official sponsor of the Youth Awards, **Allianz Life Insurance Co. of North America** will offer national winners and their families an educational workshop covering the basic principles of saving and investing. Winners of the regional awards will enter the national competition, which will include winners from 11 other regions. Those awards will be announced at a national ceremony in Kansas City, Mo. in July.

Many award winners come from backgrounds where they have lacked access to important financial knowledge and experience. Some 79 percent percent of Hispanic adults agree their children or grandchildren would benefit from a money management skills class, says to a 2007 **AARP** omnibus survey.

The program starts with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony at 7 p.m. in the **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice**.

May 12, 2008

## National Hospitality Week hits San Diego

### On the Agenda

By Christine Meade

May gray may be blocking out the San Diego sun but there are a number of events warming up the weekly calendar. Events include a city attorney candidate forum hosted by BOMA, a national hospitality week breakfast and the SDSIC is holding its annual Managing Innovation Conference on Thursday.

**ID Analytics** is hosting the Identity 2008 conference on Monday from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. at La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad. Executive-level industry leaders will review challenges and solutions regarding the latest industry trends. For more information, visit [www.idanalytics.com](http://www.idanalytics.com).

The San Diego Building Owners and Managers Association Inc. (BOMA) will be holding a San Diego city attorney candidate forum Tuesday at noon at the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The candidates running for city attorney are incumbent Michael Aguirre;

Superior Court Judge Jan Goldsmith; city councilmen Scott Peters and Brian Maienschein, and consumer attorney Amy Lepine. Call (619) 243-1817 for further details.

The Republican Party of San Diego County is holding its Lincoln Reagan Dinner 2008 on Tuesday at the Town and Country Hotel. For more information, call (619) 531-1971.

The San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau serves up its 15th annual Hospitality Industry Outlook Breakfast at the Grand Del Mar from 7:30-9:45 a.m. in honor of national tourism week. For further details, call (619) 742-4850.

The San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau ConVis Nation Tourism Week Mixer Extraordinaire at the NTC Promenade on Wednesday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The event features a trade show with displays for industry products and services. For more information, call (619) 742-4850.



## Events around town

**Fleet Week Sea and Air Parade**, Sat., May 3. The flagship event of San Diego's salute to the military is the Fleet Week Sea & Air Parade. Your U.S. Navy will parade down The Big Bay to display the various types of ships and aircraft that comprise the world's mightiest Navy. The general public can view this truly spectacular parade and participate in the Fleet Week festivities from many spots along the waterfront. The best viewing will be from Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Cruise Ship Terminal, Broadway Pier and the lawn area next to the Fish Market Restaurant.

**Ready, Aim, Fire (the cannons)!** Sat., May 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$30-\$65. Cannon battles promised in San Diego Bay between tall ship Californian and HMS Surprise, which will participate in annual Air and Sea Parade. Battle continues after parade, returning to dock at museum by 3 p.m. Limited number of passengers allowed aboard Californian; reservations suggested. Battles may be seen from sites around bay. (619) 234-9153 x101.

**"Big Day on San Diego Bay"** Sat., May 3, 9 a.m. Free. American Idol contestant Mishavonna performs during "2008 Operation Thin Mint Sendoff Celebration" aboard USS Midway. Public is invited to help celebrate shipping 220,812 boxes of these Girl Scouts cookies to deployed U.S. military troops. Navy Band will provide music. Create patriotic hair ribbons, get patriotic (temporary) tattoos. (619) 610-0710. San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, 910 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown.

**Vernal Pools and Wildflowers!** Sat., May 3, 9-11 a.m. Free. Diana Gordon leads walk to see vernal pools, one of our rarest habitats, and see wildflowers. Wear hiking boots, bring water. (858) 484-3219. Carmel Mountain trail head, Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way, Carmel Valley.

**Walk for Hope 2008 to Cure Breast Cancer** Sat., May 3, 7:45 a.m. \$20-\$30. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., followed by 3k and 5k walks at 9 a.m. (858) 452-6846. USD: University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, Linda Vista.

# LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

May 15, 2008

▪ Evening social for seniors hosted by USD's University of the Third Age, three chefs teach about Italian food trends, 5 p.m., Osteria Romantica, 2151 Avenida de la Playa, \$35 inc. food & beverages, (619) 260-4772 ■

## **Athletics**

May 31, 2008

# Matusz, Toreros squeeze past Cal



TOREROS 5,  
CAL 0

By Kirk Kenney  
STAFF WRITER

LONG BEACH — USD junior left-hander Brian Matusz took a deep breath as he took the mound for yesterday's NCAA Tournament game against Cal, exhaled and went to work.

It was the Toreros' fans at Blair Field who had to hold their breath all game.

Matusz duelled with Cal starter Tyson Ross for much of the afternoon before No. 7-ranked USD broke through for a 5-0 victory in the opening game of the Long Beach Regional.

"We knew the first one to give an inch, it was probably going to be a big one," said Cal coach David Esquer. "We gave them a little too much, and in a game like today that's enough to get you beat."

USD second baseman Kevin Hansen threw a runner out at the plate in the fifth inning to preserve a scoreless tie. Toreros shortstop Sean Nicol hit a booming two-out double in the sixth to bring home the first

## ► TOREROS

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### USD breaks through with a big seventh

run. And the Toreros batted around in a four-run seventh inning to put it away.

Matusz (12-2) was once again outstanding, tossing a three-hitter with 10 strikeouts. More than two dozen scouts in the stands watched Matusz take over the national lead in strikeouts this season (141) as well as become USD's career leader in strikeouts (397) in his final start before Thursday's major league draft. He is expected to be selected among the first five picks.

"In this type of environment and this type of stage, to do what he did was amazing," said USD coach Rich Hill. "This was probably his best outing since he's been here at USD. That's the real story of the day."

There were others.

First, what it meant to the program:

This is USD's first glimpse at the winners' bracket. The Toreros were 0-4 in their previous postseason openers.

USD (42-15) plays Fresno State (38-27) tonight at 6, with the winner advancing to the regional final. The Bulldogs defeated tournament host Long Beach State 7-3 last night.

"We really want to stay focused on one rung of the ladder at a time, and this is the first one," said

Hill. "Now the next step is to play in a regional final, and we're excited about that from the results side of things."

Hansen stood out in the field as much as Matusz did on the mound.

It appeared Cal was going to grab the lead in the fifth when Blake Smith led off the inning with a double and was sacrificed to third. Hansen came up throwing on a grounder by Mark Canha and USD catcher Nick McCoy made sure Smith never reached the plate.

"That was the turning point of the game right there," said Matusz.

Hansen wasn't done.

In the seventh, he jumped to snag a liner by Cal's Brett Jackson that would have found the alley in right-center for extra bases.

In the eighth, he ranged behind the second base bag to get a chopper hit by Cal's Jeff Kobernus and made a strong, off-balance throw to first base to end the inning.

Hansen took one for the team in between, getting hit with a pitch that brought home a run and extended USD's four-run seventh. Logan Gelbrich got it started with a liner to left that went off the glove of Cal's Charlie Cutler for a two-base error. USD's Jose Valerio and McCoy followed with RBI doubles. Josh Romanski completed the rally with an RBI single.

Romanski's focus will be on the mound tonight. He gets the start against Fresno State as the Toreros reach for the next rung on that ladder.

SEE **Toreros, D4**

May 31, 2008

## Toreros claim NCAA opener

■ Matusz throws  
a three-hitter  
and strikes out 10

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG BEACH — Brian Matusz pitched a three-hitter with 10 strikeouts and the University of San Diego baseball team won its NCAA tournament opener for the first time in school history, scoring a 5-0 victory over California on Friday in the Long Beach regional.

Matusz (12-2) limited the Golden Bears to a first-inning single, a double in the fifth and a single in the ninth. The 6-foot-5 junior left-hander retired 15 of the final 16 batters he faced.

The Toreros (42-15) broke a scoreless tie on Sean Nicol's RBI double with two out in the sixth inning, then broke the game open

with a four-run seventh.

USD advances to face Fresno State in a winners' bracket contest Saturday at 6 p.m. The Toreros, in their fifth NCAA tournament appearance, have never advanced past the double-elimination regional round.

Nicol had three hits for the Toreros, and James Meador, Josh Romanski and Jose Valerio each had two. Meador, a Ramona High graduate, extended his hit streak to 22 games.

Cal's Tyson Rose (7-4) gave up nine hits and five runs in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

Cal (33-20) had its best scoring chance in the fifth inning when Blake Smith doubled and was sacrificed to third, but USD second baseman Kevin Hansen threw him out at the plate.



**USD 5,  
California 0**

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# Matusz Dominates to lead USD to Winners Bracket of Long Beach Regional with 5-0 Win Over Cal

Matusz struckout 10 to become the all-time leader in career strikeouts.

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Brian Matusz allowed no runs on three hits while striking out 10 in 9.0 innings of work.

May 30, 2008

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Behind a dominating pitching performance from junior All-American Brian Matusz and a big four-run seventh inning, the second-seeded University of San Diego baseball team claimed a 5-0 win over No. 3 seeded California Friday afternoon in the opening game of the Long Beach Regional to advance to the winners bracket for the first time in program history.

The Toreros will return to action on Saturday at 6 p.m. against the winner of the Long Beach State and Fresno State game.

Matusz (12-2) was nothing short of dominating on the mound, as he allowed no runs on three hits, while striking out 10 batters for his third complete game shutout of the season. With the 10 strikeouts, Matusz has become the all-time leader in career strikeouts with 396 and took over the nation's lead for strikeouts with 141. Tyson Ross (7-4) was saddled with the loss for the Golden Bears as he allowed five runs, two earned, on nine hits in 6.2 innings of work.

San Diego got on the scoreboard first, as they scored one run on one hit in the bottom of the sixth inning. With two outs, Josh Romanski drew a walk, then Sean Nicol launched a deep double to centerfield, a ball that hit the top of the fence, then fell back into play, which scored Romanski from first to give USD a 1-0 lead.

The Toreros then added to their lead in the bottom of the seventh inning scoring four runs on five hits. Logan Gelbrich led off the inning by launching the ball deep to centerfield, but the Cal centerfielder had the ball fall out of his glove, allowing Gelbrich to reach second on the error. Victor Sanchez then moved Gelbrich up one base with a sacrifice bunt and Jose Valerio doubled in Gelbrich down the left field line. Nick McCoy kept things going with a run-scoring double to centerfield to score Valerio from second base. Romanski then drove in McCoy with a RBI single through the right side to give USD a 4-0 lead. Back-to-back singles by Nicol and James Meador loaded the bases for USD and Kevin Hansen was then hit by a pitch to push across the fourth run of the inning, which in turn chased Cal's Tyson Ross from the game and gave USD a 5-0 lead.

Offensively for the Toreros, Nicol led the way as he went 3-for-4 with one double and one RBI. Romanski went 2-for-3 with one RBI, Valerio went 2-for-4 with one double and one RBI and Meador moved his career-high hit streak to 22 games as he went 2-for-three.

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### Fresno State Upsets Toreros, 6-0

USD will play an elimination game on Sunday at 1 p.m. against Long Beach State.

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Victor Sanchez broke up the no-hitter in the top of the sixth inning with a single through the left side.

May 31, 2008

LONG BEACH, Calif. - The University of San Diego baseball team was upset by Fresno State University Saturday evening at the Long Beach Regional with a 6-0 loss behind an outstanding pitching performance by FSU's Clayton Allison.

The Toreros will now return to action on Saturday in an elimination game against Long Beach State. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Blair field with the winner to play Fresno State at 5 p.m.

With the loss, the Toreros fall to 42-16 overall and saw their three-game winning streak come to an end. With the win, the Bulldogs improve to 39-27.

Allison (3-5) took a no-hitter into the sixth inning as he finished the game allowing no runs on five hits in 9.0 innings of work. USD's Josh Romariski (9-1) was saddled with his first loss of the season as he allowed six runs on six hits in 8.0 innings of work.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard first as they scored four runs on two hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. With the bases loaded, Steve Dewiler was hit by a pitch to push across the first run and the next three runs came on a three-run double by Tommy Mendonca to give FSU a 4-0 lead.

The Toreros finally broke up the no hitter in the top of the sixth inning. Victor Sanchez broke it up with a single through the left side, followed by a Kevin Muno bunt single, but USD could not push across a run to leave the score at 4-0.

In the top of the seventh inning, USD again put two runners on with back-to-back singles by Kevin Hansen and Jose Valerio, but were not bale to advance the runners beyond second base to preserve the shutout for the Bulldogs.

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The Bulldogs then pushed across two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on a Steve Susdorf run-scoring double and a Mendonca RBI single to give FSU a 6-0 advantage.

Offensively for the Toreros, Muno, Sanchez, Valerio, Nicol and Hansen all recorded one hit a piece. A

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# Gone fishin'? Not this Sunday

## LONG BEACH REGIONAL

USD makes its fifth NCAA Tournament appearance in the four-team, double-elimination regional hosted this weekend by Long Beach State at Blair Field.

### Today's schedule

**Game 1:** USD (41-15) vs. Cal (33-19), 2 p.m.

**Game 2:** Fresno St. (37-27) vs. Long Beach St. (37-19)

**Online:** Live gametracker and webcast for USD games is available at [usdtoreros.com](http://usdtoreros.com). Follow the entire 64-team tournament at [ncaa.com/baseball](http://ncaa.com/baseball)



Sophomore right fielder James Meador led the Toreros in batting average and RBI. *USD photo*

## USD star Meador hopes to be in final

By Kirk Kenney  
STAFF WRITER

Getting to Lake Ramona requires a dusty, two-mile hike along a flat path through the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve and then a climb along an earthen dam.

That's where the reservoir is, where you can finally wet a line.

USD right fielder James Meador makes the hike each week, joined by his father and Toreros teammate Steven Chatwood.

"Not many people want to hike in there," said Meador,

who starred at nearby Ramona High. "But with not many people, it's great fishing.

"Largemouth bass. We'll throw some shiners, but we mostly use plastic worms."

When USD wrapped up the West Coast Conference championship last Saturday against Pepperdine, it afforded the Toreros a rare Sunday off. Meador and Chatwood headed for the lake, where they each caught six fish.

Meador enjoys the quiet surroundings — "it just clears your head of everything else," he says — and the reward that comes with literally going the extra mile.

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### Meador found his swing after frosh struggles

Meador has been similarly rewarded this season for his extra effort on the baseball field.

No. 7-ranked USD opens the NCAA Tournament this afternoon against Cal in the Long Beach Regional. Meador's emergence is among the reasons for the team's success. It didn't come easy.

The 6-foot-1, 205-pound sophomore leads USD with a .385 batting average and 51 RBI, numbers that rank among the school's best single-season efforts.

While it's probably what Meador and the USD coaches envisioned when he committed out of high school, it's quite a turnaround for the player who hit .215 last season and drove in but eight runs.

"I started off like 1-for-15 my freshman year, didn't get in a groove and then just got in my own head," said Meador. "It was all downhill from there."

The Toreros had a veteran lineup last season, so newcomers weren't given many opportunities to step in. And if they didn't step up, they were left out. That's where Meador found himself.

"He came in as a real heralded guy from a small high school where he put up gaudy

numbers and found that at this level everything moves a lot faster," said USD coach Rich Hill. "He dealt with some failure and adversity. You have two choices when that happens. You can buckle and make excuses or you can really fight through it, try to get better and have a positive outlook."

Meador found some success in summer league, put in the work in the offseason and prepared himself for another opportunity. Part of the process included going home to Ramona on Mondays off, having his father throw batting practice to him and hiking to the lake with his fishing pole.

"What sets James apart are his intangibles and makeup," said Ramona coach Dean Welch. "That kid is the hardest worker you'll ever come across, bar none. He has a very high standard for himself and will do whatever it takes to achieve his goals."

Meador found his swing in March during a four-game series at Hawaii-Hilo and never looked back, earning All-WCC honors by season's end.

"When we went to Hilo my confidence skyrocketed after that week," said Meador. "When I got back here I saw everything real well. It was steppingstones from there."

### All-Americans

USD junior left-hander **Brian Matusz** was named first-team All-America yesterday by Louisville Slugger. Toreros junior left-hander/outfielder **Josh Romanski** and sophomore closer **A.J. Griffin** were third-team selections.

"What sets James apart are his intangibles and makeup. That kid is the hardest worker you'll ever come across, bar none."

RAMONA COACH DEAN WELCH

May 30, 2008

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# TV ratings plunge as Padres struggle

**P**adres TV ratings are plummeting, but Craig Nichols, the man in charge at Channel 4 San Diego, says he isn't concerned because "it's a long season."

Tell Padres fans something they don't know.

Seriously, Nichols — whose official title is vice president and general manager — said this week he "feels good" about the situation, "especially since we're just getting out of May. I expect the numbers to pick up after May when the audience historically increases. I'm looking forward to seeing what happens."

We were talking on the phone, so I couldn't tell if Nichols was just being his usual optimistic self, or if he was holding a four-leaf clover or rosary beads or maybe just crossing his fingers.

According to Nielsen Media Research and Channel 4, ratings for the first 49 Padres telecasts this year averaged 5.0. That's down nearly 30 percent from last year's final season average of 7.0, which was the highest since 1999, when 135 telecasts averaged 7.9 in the wake of the Padres' NL championship season of '98. The season average dropped all the way to 4.1 in 2003, then leaped to 6.6 when Petco Park opened in 2004 and remained steady the next two seasons at 6.5 and 6.4 before last year's jump.

There was great optimism at the beginning of this season, as evidenced by an 11.2 rating for the March 31 opener, the highest Opening Day rating ever on Channel 4. But this past week and a half shows that as fast as gas prices are rising, that's how fast interest in the Padres appears to be falling.

In the week before Memorial Day in 2007, the Padres played six straight games at home against the Cubs and Brewers. All six telecasts earned ratings between 7.8 and 8.9 on Channel 4, with the average at 8.5.

In the week before Memorial Day in 2008, the Padres played seven straight games at home against the Cardinals and Reds. All seven telecasts earned ratings between 3.8 and 5.4, with the average at 4.4 — barely half of last year's number.

Of course, in 2007, the Padres began the homestand 24-20. This year they were 16-29.

"There's been some frustrating losses," Nichols said. "We've also had kind of a rough schedule. We didn't have as many day (or late-afternoon) games last year. That works against us."

Still, as the comparison of the past week shows, it's more than scheduling. In fact, a year ago this week the Padres played three straight 4 p.m. games in Pittsburgh and earned ratings of 5.8, 7.0 and 8.2. This year they had two night home games and posted ratings of 6.1 and 4.5.

But Nichols, whose station is scheduled for a record 150 telecasts, all in high definition, this season (including six exhibitions), remains optimistic. Or at least hopeful.

"There's more opportunity for us to connect with viewers," Nichols said. "One game here or there, if we don't have the number we had last season, we're getting in front of them more often. There's nothing better on in the summer."

"I think our coverage is better than ever. We have more historical pieces, more storytelling and perspective."

Nichols declined to discuss what kind of financial impact lower ratings might have on Channel 4, but they can't be helping. Even if Channel 4 didn't guarantee a rating to advertisers this season, if the season average is lower, the station might have a more difficult time next year selling commercials for the same price (or more).

"The people who are with us have been with us a long time," Nichols said. "They know it's a long summer

and they're here with us. The numbers aren't that far off and I think we'll be in a fine place."

## Flipping channels

- **Lee Hamilton** will not return as San Diego State's football color analyst. The one-year experiment with **Ted Leitner** was judged as something less than successful and Hamilton's contract was not renewed (Leitner has a long-term deal). No word on a replacement, but the top two candidates are believed to be **Chris Ello** and **Mike Costa**, who already work at Clear Channel, which airs the games on KOGO-AM. The season opener is Aug. 30. If last year is any indication, we should have a decision no later than, oh, about Aug. 25.

- With the NBA Western Conference finals ending last night, **Doug Collins** worked his final game for TNT before taking over (again) as coach of the Bulls. He will be missed, even if TNT did him no favors during most of the season by pairing him with **Kevin Harlan**.

- If the Eastern Conference finals end tonight (5:30, ESPN), there will be no basketball for five days before **David Stern's** Dream Finals start Thursday in Boston. If Detroit wins tonight, Game 7 will be played Sunday evening (also at 5:30 on ESPN), and the break will be just three days before the Lakers open the Finals in the home of the Eastern champion. ABC will carry the Finals on a Thursday-Tuesday-Sunday schedule, with each game starting about 6 p.m. PDT.

- For some reason — perhaps because he always reminded people of a beer-league softball player — ESPN has decided to use **John Kruk** as an analyst for the Women's College World Series, which began yesterday and continues through Wednesday on ESPN and ESPN2. All the games will be in HD.

- There is no TV for USD's NCAA regional baseball games at Long Beach this weekend — ESPNU will cover only the Miami and Fullerton regionals — and 1700-AM is available only for Monday's "if necessary" game. But audio coverage will be available at [usdtoreros.com](http://usdtoreros.com).

- CBS tomorrow becomes the first major network to enter the cage, so to speak, with the initial prime-time broadcast of Mixed Martial Arts. The

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## Big-time talent on display in L.B.

By Bob Keisser, Staff writer

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LONG BEACH - The sports paparazzi and a gaggle of major league scouts will be out in force this weekend at Blair Field.

Hyping star-studded teams is common, but it's no exaggeration for the Long Beach regional that begins today. Baseball America recently published its list of the top 200 draft prospects for the 2008 draft in a few weeks, and 10 players on the list will be at Blair this weekend.

With almost half of the players on the list being high school, prep school or junior college players, 10 percent of the top collegiate talent will be at Blair.

The list includes San Diego's Brian Matusz (ranked No. 3) and Josh Romanski (110), Cal's Tyson Ross (35) and David Cooper (31), Fresno State's Tanner Scheppers (10), and Long Beach's Shane Peterson (75), Andrew Liebel (91), Vance Worley (121), Danny Espinosa (141) and Bryan Shaw (147).

Seven of the 10 are pitchers, so one can predict that runs may be at a premium this weekend at a park that has always been pitcher-friendly anyway.

"It's a pretty big ballpark, a lot bigger than our ours and what we're used to," San Diego's Kevin Hansen said.

Cunningham Field in San Diego has foul lines of 309 and 320 feet. Cal's Evans Field measures 320 down each line and 365 in the gaps. The gaps at Blair are 387 and home runs in night games are rarities.

The Dirtbags took batting practice on the actual Blair Field diamond for the first time since mid-April. Head coach Mike Weathers went to some extreme measures to try to shake the team back into shape after its midseason slump, and one was no B.P. on the field before games.

Players have taken B.P. at home games, but were limited to 20-minute group sessions in the cage down the first-base line. "It felt good to be out there," freshman center fielder Jonathan Jones said with a smile."

All of the coaches said they were honored to be a part of a tough regional. "The best teams, great players, very well-coached," San Diego's Rich Hill said. "It's great that our fans, administrators and parents can come up to watch us."

But after his press session, Hill chatted with Cal coach David Esquer and said, in so many words, that he wished his team hadn't been booked in Hotel California.

He also made a superb point about the nature of regional play. "We're not going to have a true

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national champion until we seed the tournament 1-to-64, like they do in basketball," he said. "It's what the sport needs and what it deserves."

There are all kind of blurred personnel lines in this field.

Fresno State coach Mike Batesole was once head coach at Cal State Northridge. Daniel Wolford is a relief pitcher for Cal who spent a season at Long Beach State before transferring. Travis Howell and Jason Corder spent two years at Cal before transferring to Long Beach in 2007.

Cal reliever Matt Gorgen is the twin brother of UC Irvine pitcher Scott Gorgen, and first baseman David Cooper played at Cal State Fullerton as a freshman before leaving for Berkeley.

Shortstop Danny Munoz was the WAC Freshman of the Year at Fresno State, hitting .328 with 52 runs scored and 10 stolen bases. His older brother Kevin is an outfielder at San Diego who was the WCC Tournament MVP and hit .332 with 55 runs scored and 21 stolen bases. Both are leadoff hitters and both are Loyola High School graduates.

Their father Kevin Sr. is a Long Beach resident who played football at Notre Dame and had a minor league baseball career. Their grandfather Larry also played minor league baseball and was a sports agent in Southern California.

Liebel was named a second-team All-American by Collegiate Baseball and Shane Peterson to the third team. That came a day after they were

named tri-pitcher and co-Player of the Year in the Big West. Danny Espinosa, Jason Tweedy, Corder and Jones were honorable mention.

San Diego's Matusz was a first team choice and two-way player Romanski and closer Griffin were named to the third team. Cal's Cooper and Josh Satin were third-team selections.

Peterson was also named an Academic All-American for his 3.85 GPA, making him the first baseball player in school history to win academic honors.

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Trio of Toreros Named All-American

Brian Matusz, Josh Romanski and AJ Griffin Named Louisville Slugger All-Americans.

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Brian Matusz was named a first-team All-American.

May 29, 2008

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team had three players named Louisville Slugger All-Americans. Junior left-hander Brian Matusz takes home first-team honors as a pitcher, while junior Josh Romanski was named third-team All-American as a utility player and sophomore closer AJ Griffin was named third-team All-American as a closer.

Matusz, who was also the West Coast Conference Pitcher of the year, takes home his second consecutive first-team All-American honor. The junior continued his assault on the record book, striking out a team-best 131 batters on the year and moving into second place all-time on the USD career strikeouts list with 387. The Cave Creek, Ariz. native was nothing short of dominant during the season as he posted a minuscule 1.88 ERA and bolsters an 11-2 overall record.

Romanski takes home his second All-American accolade as well as he posted an overall record of 9-0 with a 3.76 ERA on the mound and hit .316 with 65 hits, 14 doubles, one triple, six home runs and 48 RBI at the plate. Romanski tossed his first collegiate no-hitter back on March 24 against Harvard, in which he faced one batter above the minimum and recorded eight strikeouts in the game as the highlight of the season.

Griffin takes home his first All-American accolade as he posted an overall record of 1-1 with a 1.96 ERA and tied the school record for single-season saves with 13. With the 13 saves, Griffin became the all-time leader in career saves at USD with 24.

The Toreros will return to action on Friday at 2 p.m. as they open play in the Long Beach Regional against third-seeded California at Blair Field.



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# AJ Griffin Named Finalist for Stopper of the Year

The NCBWA has named AJ Griffin a finalist for the Stopper of the Year Award.

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AJ Griffin named a finalist for the Stopper of the Year Award.

May 28, 2008

DALLAS, Texas - Five of college baseball's top relief specialists have been selected as finalists for the fourth annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award, the NCBWA announced Thursday. The University of San Diego's AJ Griffin headlines this list of finalists.

This year's finalists include NCAA saves leader Tyler Conn of Southern Miss, Scott Bittle of Mississippi, Joshua Fields of Georgia, A. J. Griffin of the University of San Diego and Eric Pettis of UC Irvine. All five relief aces helped their respective teams advance to the 64-team field of the 2008 NCAA Baseball Tournament, which begins this weekend at 16 regional sites across the nation.

Conn, with an NCAA-leading and C-USA single season record-breaking 18 saves, was an automatic qualifier for this year's award. The senior southpaw from Ocean Springs, Miss., is 1-0 with a 1.02 earned run average and 42 strikeouts in 26 relief appearances (35-1/3 innings pitched). He has converted all 18 save opportunities while allowing but four earned runs and two extra-base hits in helping lead USM's Golden Eagles to a berth in the NCAA Baton Rouge (La.) Regional.

Bittle led the talent-laden field of NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award candidates with 118 strikeouts in 26 relief appearances. He tallied eight saves with a 0-1 mark and a 1.53 earned run average over 66-1/3 innings, helping the Rebels to a runner-up finish in the SEC Tournament and a berth in the NCAA Coral Gables (Fla.) Regional. Though working out of the bullpen, the junior right-hander from Texarkana, Texas, paced the Southeastern Conference in strikeouts while holding opponents to a .142 batting average.

Georgia relief ace Joshua Fields, a senior from Hull, Ga., was honored as the Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year for 2008 after tallying 18 saves with a 2-2 record and a 1.52 earned run average. Fields, a right-hander, totaled 53 strikeouts in 28 trips out of the Georgia bullpen. He has allowed but five earned runs in 29-2/3 innings while holding opponents to a .092 batting average. The SEC career saves leader helped guide Georgia to the 2008 SEC title and a No. 8 national seed in the upcoming NCAA Baseball Tournament in Athens, Ga.

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San Diego righty A.J. Griffin helped lead USD's Toreros to their second straight West Coast Conference title in 2008. Recently named to the 2008 Team USA squad, Griffin posted a 13-save mark with a 1-1 record and a 1.96 earned run average. He made 27 relief appearances, registering 43 strikeouts while allowing nine earned runs over 41-1/3 innings. A unanimous all-conference selection and school career saves record-holder as a sophomore, will continue competition in this weekend's NCAA Long Beach (Calif.) Regional.

UC Irvine sophomore right-hander Eric Pettis earned first-team Easton Big West All-Conference honors in 2008, concluding the regular season with 15 saves, second-most in a season at UCI. Pettis, from West Hills, Calif., made 28 relief appearances, compiling a 1.76 earned run average with a 4-2 record and 46 strikeouts in 41 innings. Pettis' exploits out of the bullpen have helped the Anteaters earn

their third consecutive advancement to the NCAA Baseball Tournament with competition at the NCAA Lincoln (Neb.) Regional.

More than 50 of the nation's top collegiate relief pitchers were included in the selection process for this year's NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award, beginning with initial preseason nominations by baseball contacts at NCAA Division I schools. The NCBWA's All-America Committee will select the winner, which will be announced Wednesday, June 4, prior to the start of NCAA Super Regional competition.

In addition to the Stopper of the Year Award, the NCBWA, founded in 1962, also presents the Dick Howser Trophy to the nation's top player and selects a Division I All-America Team, Division I and III Players of the Week, Division I District Players of the year and Division III Players of the year.

Past recipients of the Stopper of the Year Award include J. Brent Cox of Texas in 2005, Don Czyn of Kansas in 2006 and Luke Pihoda of Sam Houston State in 2007.

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# Familiar rivals and venue for Toreros

## USD opens against Cal at Long Beach Regional

**By Kirk Kenney**  
STAFF WRITER

The USD baseball team received its postseason assignment yesterday, and it features several familiar faces.

No. 7-ranked USD will travel to Long Beach this weekend for the four-team, double-elimination regional that includes Cal and Fresno State and is hosted by the Dirtbags of Long Beach State.

"I was pleasantly surprised that we're able to travel with our fans and our administration and have one side of that stadium filled up with USD people," said USD coach Rich Hill, who is bringing the Toreros to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in seven years. "We're really excited about that, instead of going to a real hostile environment in the South or in another part of the country."

The Toreros (41-15), seeded second in the regional, open the tournament Friday at 2 p.m. against third-seeded Cal (31-19). Top-seeded Long Beach State (37-19) plays fourth-seeded Fresno State (37-27) in the day's other game.

Friday's losing teams play Saturday at 2 p.m., followed by the winners' bracket game at 6 p.m.

The Toreros have played all three teams in their regional this season. They hosted Cal and Fresno State at the USD Tournament in the season's second week, beating the Bulldogs 5-2 and losing to the Bears 5-0 (freshman Kyle Blair took the loss against Cal, which limited USD to five hits). USD defeated Long Beach State in two mid-week home-and-home games against

the Dirtbags, winning 5-3 and 4-2.

"West Coast baseball is our style of baseball, so we're excited," said USD outfielder/catcher Logan Gelbrich. "We know what we're getting into with each team. It could be a little bit of an advantage. But it's just going to come down to who is the best team that day."

SEE USD, D5

### NCAA BASEBALL REGIONAL

**When:** Friday-Sunday at Long Beach State

**Teams:** No. 1 seed Long Beach State (37-19), No. 2 USD (41-15), No. 3 Cal (31-19), No. 4 Fresno State (37-27)

**Toreros opener:** USD vs. Cal, Friday, 2 p.m.

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## Pitching ace Matusz gives hope for win in opener

We're going to be as prepared as anybody this weekend."

USD hosted a regional last season at San Diego State, but the Toreros were quickly eliminated with losses to Fresno State and Minnesota. In fact, USD has never won its opening game in its four previous postseason appearances. How do the Toreros change that?

Said Hill: "Two words: Brian Matusz.

"He's the best pitcher in the country and we've got him going Friday."

Matusz, a junior left-hander who is the nation's top-rated pitcher, is 11-2 with a 1.88 ERA and 131 strikeouts in 96 innings. He is expected to match up against Cal right-hander Tyson Ross (7-3, 4.40 ERA), who was Matusz's Team USA teammate last summer.

"There's no pressure," said Matusz, who was not aware of the team's winless record in postseason openers. "We don't attach anything like that to a game. . . . It's an exciting opportunity for us. I feel like we're the best team in that regional. I really do."

Tickets for the regional are available online at [www.longbeachstate.com](http://www.longbeachstate.com) or by calling (562) 985-4949.

The winner of the Long Beach State Regional will meet the winner of the Arizona State Regional — which includes Arizona State, Stony Brook, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt — in a best-of-three Super Regionals series. The winner there is one of eight teams that advances to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

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### THE ROAD TO OMAHA

The 64-team field for the NCAA Tournament was announced yesterday. This weekend's first round includes four 16-team regionals. Regional winners advance to one of eight Super Regionals, two-team, best-of-three series to be played June 6-9. The eight Super Regional winners advance to the College World Series, which begins June 14 in Omaha, Neb.

#### NATIONAL SEEDS

Top eight national seeds:

1. **Miami** (47-8)
2. **North Carolina** (46-12)
3. **Arizona St.** (45-11)
4. **Florida St.** (48-10)
5. **CS Fullerton** (37-19)
6. **Rice** (42-13)
7. **LSU** (43-16)
8. **Georgia** (35-21)

The national seeds are supposed to identify the nation's top teams, although they have not been a very good predictor of the national champion in the nine years since the field was expanded to 64 teams. The only No. 1 seed to win was Miami in 1999. A national seed has not won the title since Rice in 2003.

Last year, five of the top eight seeds were eliminated in the first round.

#### NO THREE-PEAT

Two-time defending champion Oregon State (28-24) was left out of the tournament.

USC is the only school to win three straight national championships, winning five in a row from 1970-74.

#### NOTABLE

- Miami extended its NCAA record by making the tournament for the 36th straight season.
- The SEC tied its record with nine teams making the tournament. The ACC and Big 12 each have six teams. Pepperdine and USD are the representatives for the West Coast Conference. TCU is the only Mountain West Conference team to make it.
- UC Davis, Dallas Baptist, Lipscomb and Mount St. Mary's made it for the first time. Dallas Baptist is the first independent other than Miami to make the field since Cal State Northridge in 1992.

— KIRK KENNEY



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## Toreros punch ticket to NCAAs

■ USD will face  
Cal in regionals  
at Long Beach

**TOM SHANAHAN**  
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — No one jumped from their seat in excitement. No one let out a yell that reverberated off the walls.

On Monday, the University of San Diego baseball team learned it will face California in Friday's NCAA regional opener at Long Beach.

Instead of whooping it up, though, the Toreros responded with a polite golf clap as they watched ESPN's morning telecast of the NCAA tournament selection show at Jenny Craig Pavilion. "You didn't see the excitement of last

year," said sophomore catcher Nick McCoy, a Westview High alumnus. "When we won the West Coast Conference championship against Pepperdine (on Saturday), we didn't dog-pile (in an on-field celebration). We see this as a stepping stone. We're excited and we're going to be ready to play some quality opponents, but we're taking a blue-collar mentality."

The Toreros (41-15), who will play the Golden Bears at 2 p.m. Friday at Blair Field, were bounced from last year's regionals with two straight losses — even though they received the regional's top seed and hosted the regional at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

This year, USD's focus has been to focus on the next game — as opposed to what it had or could accomplish.

"You can't underestimate the value of experience in young people's minds," USD coach Rich Hill said. "To be in San Diego last year, I think our guys felt like they were playing for the community to put San Diego college baseball on the map. That may have an extra amount of pressure and distraction."

USD, ranked No. 7 in the nation by Baseball America, and 20th-ranked Cal (33-19-2) will be joined by host Long Beach State (37-19), ranked No. 18, and Fresno State (37-27) in the four-team, double-elimination regional. The Dirtbags will host the Bulldogs in the second game Friday.

Hill said he will send junior left-hander Brian Matusz (11-2, 1.88 ERA), the WCC pitcher of the year, to the mound. He expects Cal to use junior right-hander Tyson Ross (7-3, 4.40 ERA).

The Toreros and Golden Bears met on March 2 at USD, with Cal winning 5-0. USD freshman pitcher Kyle Blair suffered the loss as the Toreros managed only five

hits off three Cal pitchers.

Although this is USD's third straight trip to the NCAA tournament and fifth in the last seven years, it marks the first time McCoy and sophomore right-fielder James Meador, a Ramona High alumnus, have been more than backups. Meador led the Toreros in hitting (.385) and RBIs (51) and hit six home runs.

"We're getting hot at the right time," Meador said. "Last year, we were stoked over the great season we had, but this year I think we're calm and focused."

The tournament continues Saturday and Sunday, with a final game Monday if necessary.



### Up next

**NCAA Long  
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USD (41-15) vs.  
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## Toreros Prep for NCAA Regionals

USD heads to Long Beach for the Regionals in 2008.

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Josh Romanski and the Toreros prep for the NCAA Regionals in Long Beach.

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**ON DECK:** The University of San Diego baseball team (41-15) will hit the road and head to Long Beach, Calif. to compete in the Long Beach State NCAA Regional. The Toreros earned a No. 2 seed in the bracket and will open play on Friday against No. 3 seeded University of California at 2 p.m. The two other teams in this bracket are No. 1 seed Long Beach State University and No. 4 seeded Fresno State University. Should USD win, they will play the winner of the LBSU/FSU game on Saturday at 6 p.m., or should USD not defeat Cal in game one they will play on Friday at 2 p.m. against the loser of the LBSU/FSU game. All games in this regional will be played at Blair Field.

**TOREROS ON THE AIR:** Fans can catch all the NCAA Regional action from Long Beach this weekend live on [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com). The voice of the Toreros Jack Murray will bring fans all the live play-by-play action with John Cunningham providing color commentary.

**LAST TIME OUT:** The University of San Diego baseball team recorded a clean sweep over Pepperdine University in the WCC Championship series at Cunningham Stadium this past weekend. After the rain postponed game one from Friday to Saturday, the Waves and Toreros had to play a double-header on Saturday and USD recorded 10-1 and 12-4 wins to take the series and earn the WCC's automatic bid into the post season. In Saturday's first game, Brian Matusz was once again dominate on the mound as he allowed one unearned run on five hits, while striking out nine batters. Offensively for the Toreros, James Meador led the way as he went 2-for-4 with one home run and two RBI. Kevin Muno was also solid at the plate for USD as he went 3-for-5 with one double, one triple and one RBI. Sean Nicol, Kevin Hansen and Jose Valerio all recorded multiple hits on the day as well. In the second game, it was a sea saw battle at first, then with the game at 4-3 in favor of Pepperdine, the Toreros went on to score nine unanswered runs to claim the 12-4 win. Muno led the offense as he went 5-for-6 with three RBI, Valerio went 3-for-5 with one home run and three RBI and Victor Sanchez, Meador, Sean Nicol and Logan Gelberich all recorded multiple hits in the win.

**SCOUTING THE GOLDEN BEARS:** Cal enters the Regional with an overall record of 33-19-2 and finished fifth in the PAC-10 with a 11-12 mark in conference games. The Golden Bears captured the only meeting between the two programs this season with a 9-8 win back on Mar. 2. Cal is led offensively by senior Josh Satin, who is hitting a team-best .388 with 73 hits, has 11 doubles, one triple, 18 home runs and 52 RBI. On the mound, the Golden Bears turn to junior right-hander Tyson Ross, who is 7-3 with a 4.40 ERA.

**SCOUTING THE BEACH:** Long Beach State enters the Regional with an overall record of 39-17 after taking two-of-three from Cal State Fullerton this past weekend to earn a share of the Big West Conference championship. USD won both meetings between the two programs this season, the first was a 5-3 win at Blair Field and the second was a 4-2 win at Cunningham Stadium. The Dirtbags offense is led by junior first baseman Shane Peterson, who has a team-leading .399 batting average, has 81 hits, 16 doubles, two triples, seven home runs and 50 RBI. On the mound, LBSU turns to senior right-hander Andrew Liebel, who is 8-3 with a 1.81 ERA.

**SCOUTING THE BULLDOGS:** Fresno State will appear in the same Regional as USD for the third consecutive season, after putting together a 37-27 overall record and winning their third consecutive WAC championship. The Toreros met FSU back on Feb. 29 and San Diego came out on top with a 5-2 win. Fresno State leads the all-time series 15-5, including 3-0 in NCAA tournament play. Offensively, the Bulldogs are led by sophomore infelder Alan Ahmady, who is hitting .389 with 93 hits, 13 doubles, one triple and 12 home runs. On the mound, FSU will look to Justin Wilson, who is 4-2 with a 4.29 ERA.

**21 AND COUNTING:** Sophomore outfielder James Meador is currently riding a career-high 21 game hitting streak. In USD's 7-2 win over UC Riverside back on April 9, Meador was hitless going 0-for-4, since then however Meador is 38-for-84 (.452) with seven doubles, two triples, five home runs and 28 RBI. On the season, Meador is the team's leading hitter with a .385 batting average, has a team-best 75 hits, has the team-lead in doubles with 16, has two triples, six home runs and a team-leading 51 RBI.

**MATUSZ NAMED MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHER:** Junior All-American Brian Matusz was named the Most Outstanding Pitcher of the WCC Championship series after putting on yet another dominating pitching performance. Matusz (11-2) won his career-high 11th game of the season as he allowed one unearned run on five hits, while striking out nine batters. With the nine strikeouts, Matusz moves his season total to 131 and his career total to 386, just seven behind the all-time record at USD.

**MUNO NAMED MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER:** Sophomore outfielder Kevin Muno was named the Most Outstanding Player of the WCC Championship Series after propelling the Toreros offense to a combined 22 runs. Muno went 8-for-10 with one double, one triple and four RBI against Pepperdine for the series. On the season, Muno is hitting .332 with 73 hits, 12 doubled, three triples, four home runs and 27 RBI, while also leading the team with 21 stolen bases.

**THE POLLS:** The University of San Diego baseball team remains in the top-10 as they moved up one spot to No. 6 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll. The Toreros jumped up four spots in the latest Baseball America top-25 poll to No.

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7. Long Beach State is ranked No. 11 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll and No. 22 in the latest Baseball America top-25 poll. Cal checks in at No. 17 in Collegiate Baseball and No. 20 in Baseball America. Fresno State is the only team in the Regional not ranked in any of the top-25 polls.

**BACK-TO-BACK 40 WIN SEASONS:** San Diego enters the Regionals with a 41-15 overall record, marking the second consecutive season of 40 or more wins and also marks only the second time in program history the 40-win plateau has been reached with the 2007 team setting the all-time mark with a 43-18 record.

**BACK-TO-BACK WCC CHAMPIONSHIPS:** For only the second time in program history, the Toreros have won back-to-back West Coast Conference Championships, as USD posted a 16-5 record in conference action this season, 1.5 games ahead of Pepperdine for first place. The 2002 and 2003 seasons marked the first time USD had won back-to-back championships. The Toreros also won its second consecutive WCC Championship series, which moves USD to a perfect 4-0 in the championship series all-time.

**MR. STRIKEOUT:** Junior All-American left-hander Brian Matusz rung up nine batters on Saturday vs. Pepperdine to move his career-total to 387, only trailing the all-time leader Gary Myron (1968-71) by seven for the all-time lead. On the season, Matusz is 11-2 overall, and is bolstering an impressive 1.88 ERA and leads the team with 131 strikeouts.

**GRIFFIN ACCEPTS USA INVITE:** Sophomore All-American closer AJ Griffin of the University of San Diego baseball team is one of 12 players in the nation who has accepted an invitation to play for Team USA this upcoming summer. This marks the second consecutive season that the Toreros have sent someone to Team USA with both Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski playing this past summer. Griffin, a 6-5 sophomore from El Cajon, Calif., has become the all-time leader in career-saves at USD with 24, 13 of which have come during this season. Griffin has been named the WCC Pitcher of the Week twice this season and has a 1-1 record with a 1.96 ERA in 41.1 innings of work this season.

**YOU CAN'T BEAT ME:** Junior All-American Josh Romanski finished the regular-season with a perfect 9-0 record. Romanski has been pitching exceptionally well as of late, as the two-way star has been one of the best Toreros pitchers in his last five outings. Romanski has posted a 3-0 record in these games, while posting a 2.73 ERA and averaging 7.5 innings per outing. Romanski has one complete game in these outings, a one run six hit performance against No. 13 Pepperdine on May 3. Overall Romanski has now lowered his ERA to 3.76. With his 9-0 record, Romanski has now moved his career record to 23-5 (.821), which gives him the best all-time record for a pitcher in USD history.

**2008 GAMETRACKER AVAILABLE:** All of San Diego's NCAA Regional games, can be followed live via Gametracker on the Toreros athletic web site 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.

**TOREROS IN THE REGIONALS:** This will mark the third consecutive trip and fifth overall trip to the NCAA Regionals at the division I level. In these Regionals, USD has posted an overall record of 3-8.



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## USD Baseball Learns from Basketball

By Tom Shanahan

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008** | By the time the University of San Diego's unheralded men's basketball team had shocked Connecticut on March 21, the Toreros' nationally ranked baseball program was a month into its season.

If the baseball players hardly stopped to shrug their shoulders while going about their business -- which includes being ranked in the Top 10 for the second straight year and winning a second consecutive West Coast Conference title -- could you have blamed them?

After all, this is the third straight season and the fifth in the last seven that the USD baseball team has advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

This year's club is ranked No. 7 in the nation as it prepares to face 20th-ranked Cal in the first round of a four-team, double-elimination NCAA Regional that opens Friday at Long Beach State's Blair Field.

But USD baseball coach Rich Hill and his players say they did stop to enjoy the basketball team's moment in the national spotlight.

And they think they benefited from it just as they have from playing in summer collegiate leagues, offseason workouts in the fall and the visualization exercises Hill puts his players through in practice and games.

"Big time," is how Hill described the boost it gave his team. "Any time our players are around a culture of winning, that's going to help."

Hill's ace pitcher, junior left-hander Brian Matusz, who will pitch Friday's 2 p.m. regional opener with an 11-2 record and 1.88 ERA, felt the energy run through campus like an electric current.

Matusz is by far the biggest name in San Diego college sports. He could be the first pick of the Amateur Baseball Draft next month.

But Matusz says he and his teammates benefited from watching players that won't see a fraction of the professional sports bonus dollars that are about to be waved at Matusz.

"Anytime you see your school's name on ESPN and in the national spotlight, it's exciting," Matusz said. "USD is turning into a school where every program is good. It's a special feeling to get the students involved and following the athletic programs."

What USD's basketball team did against Connecticut was capture a magic moment. It's what USD's baseball team hasn't done in the past, especially last year when the Toreros were

bounced with two straight losses despite being ranked No. 4 in the nation and seeded No. 1 in a regional they hosted at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium (USD's Cunningham Stadium doesn't have lights, so the Toreros can't host on campus).

"The next step on the ladder is for that national success and recognition," Hill said. "That's our goal."

USD must survive the four-team regional that includes experienced NCAA Tournament teams Fresno State and Long Beach State to earn a berth in the Super Regional the following weekend. The winners of the eight Super Regionals advance to the College World Series. USD has never advanced to a Super Regional or CWS.

But the Toreros didn't let last year's disappointment deflate their opportunity in 2008.

"You've got to let it go," Matusz said. "It was very hard on us. It was tough emotionally for everyone because it was a special team. But this is a special team and can be a special year. We just have to play our game."

Of the 16 four-team regionals in the 64-team bracket, Hill thinks USD is in the toughest one. Long Beach State, which has won an NCAA title, is ranked No. 18 in the nation and seeded No. 1. Fresno State isn't ranked, but the fourth-seeded Bulldogs were three-time Western Athletic Conference champions and one of the teams that beat USD in last year's regional.

But this year Hill thinks his Toreros are more mature, which may be more important than being more talented.

"You can't underestimate the value of experience in young people's minds," Hill said. "To be in San Diego last year, I think our guys felt like they were playing for the community to put San Diego college baseball on the map. That may have an extra amount of pressure and distraction."

Yes, the experience is crucial, but Hill also thanks the basketball team for an unexpected lesson on how to put USD on the map.

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### Fans and Media Can Join Baseball Team for Send-Off Party on Wednesday

USD will have a send-off party at Seu's Restaurant in Mission Valley at 5 p.m. Wednesday evening.

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USD to have a send-off party Wednesday at Seu's Restaurant in Mission Valley at 5 p.m.

May 27, 2008

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team will be having a send-off party on Wednesday evening at Seu's Restaurant in Mission Valley beginning at 5 p.m. All fans and media are welcome to attend and wish the Toreros off as they depart for Long Beach.

The Toreros are making their third consecutive trip to the NCAA Regionals and this season they have earned a No. 2 seed at the Long Beach Regional. USD will square off against No. 3 seeded California on Friday with first pitch scheduled for 2 p.m. Should USD win, they will play on Saturday night at 6 p.m. vs. the winner of the Long Beach State and Fresno State game, or should Cal defeat USD, then San Diego will play on Friday at 2 p.m. against the loser of the LBSU/FSU game.

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## Toreros Headed to Long Beach for NCAA Regionals

USD earned a No. 2 seed in the bracket and will play No. 3 seeded Cal in their first game on Friday.

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May 26, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - The sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team will be heading to Long Beach State University for the NCAA Regionals this weekend. Games will be played at LBSU's home stadium, Blair Field. The Toreros earned a No. 2 seed in the regional, while the host 49ers are the No. 1 seed. The No. 3 see will be the University of California and the No. 4 seed is Fresno State University. The Toreros will square off against No. 3 seeded Cal in their first game on Friday.

USD enters the Regional with an overall record of 33-19-2 and finished fifth in the PAC-10 with a 11-12 mark in conference games. The Golden Bears captured the only meeting between the two programs this season with a 9-8 win back on Mar. 2. Cal is led offensively by senior Josh Satin, who is hitting a team-best .388 with 73 hits, has 11 doubles, one triple, 18 home runs and 52 RBI. On the mound, the Golden Bears turn to junior right-hander Tyson Ross, who is 7-3 with a 4.40 ERA.

Long Beach State, the co-champions of the Big West who won the automatic berth after taking two of three from CS Fullerton this past weekend, and has won 10 of their last 12. LBSU is making their 19th NCAA Appearance, and have advanced to four College World Series (1989, 1991, 1993, 1998) and two NCAA Super Regionals (2003-04).

Fresno State will appear in the same Regional as USD for the third consecutive season, after putting together a 37-27 overall record and winning their third consecutive WAC championship. The Toreros met FSU back on Feb. 29 and San Diego came out on top with a 5-2 win. Offensively, the Bulldogs are led by sophomore infielder Alan Ahmady, who is hitting .389 with 93 hits, 13 doubles, one triple and 12 home runs.

Tickets are on sale online at [www.longbeachstate.com](http://www.longbeachstate.com) at 10 a.m. on Monday, while the Walter Pyramid Box Office will open on Tuesday at 10 a.m. You may also call (562) 985-4949 for ticket information.

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# Toreros sweep into NCAA Tournament

## Doubleheader rout secures WCC title

By Kirk Kenney  
STAFF WRITER

Hold off on the hoots and hollers. Whooping it up will have to wait.

The USD baseball team won the West Coast Conference Championship Series yesterday — sweeping a doubleheader against Pepperdine by 10-1 and 12-4 scores in the best-of-three series — with the most subdued of celebrations.

"I didn't impose anything on these guys," USD coach Rich Hill said. "I

just wanted to let the snake shed its skin, so to speak and see what their feeling was."

Moments after USD right fielder James Meador squeezed the final out in his glove, the Toreros headed to the mound at Cunningham Stadium for high-fives and handshakes. Ho and hum.

"Coming into the season we knew that we owned the WCC," said junior left-hander Brian Matusz, who beat Pepperdine in the first game. "We just needed to prove it. And we did it."

"It's a special moment, especially for the freshmen and transfers, the guys who have never done it. But we have

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## WEST COAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



GAME 1

USD 10, PEPPERDINE 1

GAME 2

USD 12, PEPPERDINE 4

Toreros win their second straight conference title and get an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. USD will find out who it faces tomorrow.

## ► USD

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## West Coast title is taken in stride

bigger plans."

The 11th-ranked Toreros (41-15) claimed the conference's automatic NCAA Tournament berth for the fourth time in seven years. For the first time, they did so without dogpiling on the mound.

"I don't feel like we're ready to dogpile," said sophomore right-hander A.J. Griffin, who closed out the second game. "I'd rather save it for somewhere else."

They will know soon enough about that somewhere:

• The host sites for the tournament will be revealed this af-

ternoon at 4 on ESPN2. The Toreros, who hosted a regional last year, won't know specifically where they're headed, but the possibilities will be reduced to one of 16 four-team regionals.

• The 64-team field will be announced tomorrow morning at 9:30 on ESPN. USD players and coaches will gather at a room in the Jenny Craig Pavilion to watch the selection show before making preparations for the school's fifth NCAA Tournament appearance.

Perhaps the afternoon lacked for emotion because the scores were so lopsided. USD center fielder Kevin Munoz had half as many hits — eight — by himself in the two games as Pepperdine (36-19) did as a team.

The only drips of drama came when dark clouds produced

raindrops minutes before the first game. They subsided soon enough. The rain that postponed Friday's game and forced this doubleheader never materialized.

Pepperdine handed Matusz (11-2) his only loss since opening day when the teams met in Malibu three weeks ago. He was in complete command in yesterday's rematch, allowing five hits and one unearned run in eight innings. Matusz's nine strikeouts gave him 131 for the season, two shy of national leader Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State.

The first-game victory allowed USD to reach the 40-win plateau for the second time in school history. The Toreros won 43 games last season.

A tight hamstring forced out USD's Josh Romanski with

Pepperdine leading 4-3 after three innings. Kyle Blair (7-4) pitched 3⅔ shutout innings in relief of Romanski while the Toreros were scoring nine unanswered runs.

"We expected to win it, and we did what we had to do," said Romanski, who figures to be fine for the postseason. "I guess it kind of takes away from the excitement, but we look at it as unfinished business."

The display of the day came from USD's freshmen, who had shaved off all the hair on the sides of their heads and left a stripe down the middle.

"Omahawks" the players are calling them. As in Omaha, Neb., site of the College World Series.

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May 25, 2008

## Series sweep lifts Toreros into NCAAs

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego baseball team punched its ticket to the NCAA regionals on Sunday, sweeping a doubleheader from Pepperdine to claim its second straight West Coast Conference championship series title.

A 12-4 rout of the Waves in Game 2 of the series allowed the seventh-ranked Toreros (41-15) to earn the WCC's automatic berth into the regional tournament, which begins next week. USD won the opener 10-1 behind junior All-American Brian Matusz, who struck out nine Pepperdine hitters.

The Toreros will learn their regional destination

and opponent Monday, when the 64-team NCAA field is announced.

Trailing 4-3 in the top of the fourth inning, USD tied the nightcap on an RBI single by Kevin Muno, then took the lead for good in the fifth courtesy of a double and steal of third by Sean Nicol and Jose Valerio's run-scoring groundout.

After Muno drove in another run in the sixth, the Toreros got three consecutive RBI singles by Logan Gelbrich, Victor Sanchez and Muno in the seventh for a 9-4 lead.

Ryan Davis belted a three-run home run in the eighth to close out the scoring. Valerio and Sanchez also homered for USD. Muno finished 5-for-6 with three RBIs and was named the series'

most outstanding player.

Kyle Blair picked up the win on the mound for the Toreros, shutting down the Waves (36-19) with 3 2/3 scoreless innings in relief.

In the opener, Matusz (11-2) dominated the Waves, allowing only one unearned run on five hits. His nine strikeouts give him 131 for the season and 386 for his career — seven behind the all-time USD record.

The Toreros gave Matusz plenty of help, as Nicol singled in two runs in the first and Valerio added an RBI double in the fourth. After Pepperdine closed to within 3-1, James Meador hit a solo homer to key a three-run sixth, and Muno, Josh Romanski, Meador and Kevin Hansen all drove in runs in the eighth.

May 24, 2008

# USD, Waves rained out; play 2 today

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

The USD baseball team concluded the regular season 12 days ago, so the No. 11-ranked Toreros were eager to get back on the field yesterday against Pepperdine for the opening game of the West Coast Conference Championship Series.

Tarping the field was the last thing the Toreros had in mind when they arrived for the best-of-three series that will determine the WCC's automatic berth for the NCAA Tournament.

But that was the extent of the players' activity when the game was postponed because of rain. The game was rescheduled for today as part of a doubleheader at USD's Cunningham Stadium. The first game is at 11 a.m. The second is to begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

"Weather is just part of baseball," said USD coach Rich Hill, whose team earned the right to host after winning the regular-season title. "In San Diego we just don't experience it too much, but it's part of the game.

"Everybody was champing at the bit to get out and play. Regardless of the circumstances. If it's the national championship, first game of the season or a Tuesday game, we just want to compete. We're looking forward to that more than anything else."

A winner must be determined before Monday morning, when the 64-team NCAA field is announced. Since there are no lights at USD, rain is even more of a concern because the teams can't wait it out. If weather is an issue today (a 20 percent chance of rain is forecast) and the series is further impacted, some alternate scenarios will be in play to determine the conference's automatic berth:

- If only one game is played, the winner will receive the berth.
- If two games are played and each team

wins one, then the Toreros, as regular-season champions, will receive the automatic bid.

- If a third game is played, it must go at least five innings to be official. If it is not completed because of darkness or weather, then the team in the lead receives the bid. If it is tied, then the Toreros receive the bid.

USD has positioned itself for an at-large bid, but Hill would rather not have it come to that.

"When you win the regular-season championship, all those things do kind of favor you, except the one-game, winner-take-all," Hill said. "And that would be pretty cool, too.

"You never assume anything. We want to take that out of anyone else's hands and control our own destiny and lock up the automatic bid."

With graduation ceremonies on campus this weekend, fans are being asked to use the parking lot at the Department of Education (at the southeast corner of Linda Vista Road and Via Las Cumbres) and take a shuttle bus to the field. Shuttles will begin running at 9 a.m.

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## Toreros Cruise to Championship Series Opening Win Over Pepperdine

Brian Matusz recorded nine strikeouts in picking up his 11th win of the season.

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Brian Matusz recorded nine strikeouts in his 11th win of the season.

May 24, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - Junior All-American Brian Matusz dominates on the mound and the Torero bats explode as the seventh-ranked University of San Diego baseball team cruised to a 10-1 win over No. 13 Pepperdine University in the first game of a double-header in the West Coast Conference Championship Series Saturday afternoon.

With the win, the Toreros have now recorded their second consecutive 40-win season as they move to 40-15 overall. With the loss, the Waves fall to 36-18 overall.

Matusz (11-2) wins his career-high 11th game of the season as he allowed one unearned run on five hits, while striking out nine batters. With the nine strikeouts, Matusz moves his season total to 131 and his career total to 386, just seven behind the all-time record at USD. Nathan Newman (7-4) was saddled with the loss for the Waves, as he allowed six runs, five earned, on seven hits in 6.1 innings of work.

The Toreros got on the scoreboard first as they scored two runs on two hits in the bottom of the third inning. With two outs, Nick McCoy got things started with a walk and moved to second on a Kevin Muno single through the left side. After Josh Romanski loaded the bases with a walk, Sean Nicol drove in the two runs with a single to right field to give

USD a 2-0 lead.

San Diego then added to their lead in the bottom of the fourth inning. Kevin Hansen led off the inning with a single to right field, then advanced to second on a fielding error by the Pepperdine right fielder. Two batters later, Jose Valerio hit a run-scoring double to left field to move the score to 3-0.



The Waves then look back one run in the top of the fifth inning. With two outs and runners at first and second, Chase d'Arnaud hit the ball to third base and USD committed a fielding error allowing the runner at second to come across for an unearned run and cut the Torero lead to two at 3-1.

USD then responded in the bottom of the sixth inning as James Meador led off the inning with his seventh home run of the season, a solo shot over the left field fence to give USD a 4-1 lead. With the home run, Meador has now moved his career-high hitting streak to 20 games.

San Diego then added to their lead in the bottom of the seventh inning scoring two runs on three hits. With one out, Muno got things started with a triple to right centerfield and Josh Romanski drove in Muno with a RBI single through the right side for the first run of the inning. Nicol then moved Romanski up one base on a single up the middle,

Meador then loaded the bases with a walk and the final USD run came on a wild pitch to move the score to 6-1 in favor of USD.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Toreros put the game out of reach as they scored four runs on five hits. Victor Sanchez led off the inning with a single up the middle and moved to second on a Valerio single. Muno drove in the first run with a double to right centerfield and Romanski drove in run No. 2 with a sacrifice fly to right field. Meador then drove in Muno with a RBI single up the middle and the fourth run came in on a Hansen RBI single to right field to give USD a comfortable 10-1 lead.

Offensively for the Toreros, Meador led the way as he went 2-for-4 with one home run and two RBI. Muno was also solid at the plate for USD as he went 3-for-5 with one double, one triple and one RBI. Nicol, Hansen and Valerio all recorded multiple hits on the day as well.

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## USD paying dividends from recruited walk-ons

**By Kirk Kenney**  
STAFF WRITER

USD's baseball team will open today's West Coast Conference Championship Series against Pepperdine with four players in its starting lineup who not only had to prove they belonged on the field but had to pay for the privilege.

Senior left fielder Logan Gelbrich, sophomore center fielder Kevin Munro, junior first baseman Jose Valerio and sophomore catcher Nick McCoy are what USD coach Rich Hill calls "recruited walk-ons." They are players who the Toreros wanted in their program but weren't offered scholarships when they were recruited.

"I can't imagine any more impact from recruited walk-ons

**Inside:** USD hosts Pepperdine in WCC Championship Series. **D9**

than this year," Hill said. "We wouldn't be where we are today without those guys."

• Gelbrich (.283, 7 HR, 31 RBI), who also catches, has been one of the team's most productive hitters the past two seasons.

• Valerio (.328, 4 HR, 20 RBI) had 20 career at-bats his first two seasons at USD. He blossomed this season into one of the team's top hitters and has been steady defensively as well.

• Munro (.311, 4 HR, 23 RBI, 21 SB) has been a solid defensive outfielder whose speed at the top of the lineup has made

SEE **Walk-ons, D9**

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### USD pitchers get the majority of scholarships

him the team leader in runs scored and stolen bases.

• **McCoy** (.236, 11 RBI) hasn't hit for a high average, but he makes contact better than almost anyone on the team, advances base runners and provides good defense behind the plate.

There are 11.7 scholarships allowed in Division I college baseball. At private schools such as USD, which costs approximately \$42,000 a year, it doesn't make sense to carve up scholarships the way they do at public schools. That's because even a half scholarship can still make it cost prohibitive for a prospective recruit.

So Hill allocates more money to fewer players — mostly pitchers — and relies on walk-ons to make an impact.

"That's kind of been our blueprint and business model," Hill said. "We're going to invest heavily in pitching and we're going to round out our position player base with guys who want the experience of USD and Division I baseball and find ways (to pay for it)."

"Either their families have planned for their college education or they get financial aid through university grants or academic scholarships."

There is a certain ego gratification for many athletes that comes with a scholarship. Munno had scholarship offers from other schools. But attending USD and proving himself against the competition the Toreros face meant more than the money, a sentiment shared by

## WCC CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

USD (39-15) hosts Pepperdine (36-17) at Cunningham Stadium this weekend in the best-of-three West Coast Conference Championship Series. The series winner receives the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

### PITCHING MATCHUPS

**Today; 3 p.m.**

Pepperdine (Nathan Newman, 7-3, 3.24 ERA) vs. USD (Brian Matusz, 10-2, 2.05)

**Tomorrow, 2 p.m.**

Pepperdine (Matt Bywater, 7-2, 4.72) vs. USD (Josh Romanski, 9-0, 3.47)

**Sunday, 1 p.m. (if necessary)**

Pepperdine (Robert Dickman, 3-5, 5.55) vs. USD (Kyle Blair, 6-4, 4.36)

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### TICKETS/PARKING

Tickets for today's game will be sold at the Jenny Craig Pavilion with on-campus parking available. Because of weekend graduation ceremonies, tickets and entry for tomorrow and Sunday will be available only at the stadium's left-field gate. Weekend parking will be at the Department of Education lot, at the southeast corner of Linda Vista Road and Via Las Cumbres. Shuttle buses will take fans to the field.

### USD AT A GLANCE

The No. 11-ranked Toreros took two of three games at Pepperdine three weeks ago. The Waves dealt LHP

**Brian Matusz** his only loss since opening day, with well-placed and well-timed hits spurring the 5-2 win. LHP **Josh Romanski** and RHP

**Kyle Blair** silenced the Pepperdine

bats the next two games. . . Closer **A.J. Griffin** (1-1, 2.04 ERA, 13 SV) can break the school's single-season save record with one more. He already owns the career record with 24. . . Of **James Meador** (.380, 5 HR, 49 RBI) brings a 19-game hitting streak into the series. 2B **Kevin Hansen** (.349) and 1B **Jose Valerio** (.328) also are among the top hitters for average, and 3B **Victor Sanchez** (.276, 11 HR, 45 RBI) and Romanski (.317, 6 HR, 45 RBI) are among the top run producers.

### PEPPERDINE AT A GLANCE

The offense is led by WCC Player of the Year CF **Eric Thames** (.407, 13 HR, 59 RBI), SS **Chase d'Arnaud** (.317, 8 HR, 45 RBI) and 1B **Ryan Heroy** (.327, 2 HR, 39 RBI). . .

Thames could be slowed by a leg injury suffered over the weekend at Santa Clara. . . RHP **Brett Hunter** was the staff ace coming into the season, but he was sidelined most of the year with a sore arm. Hunter returned in relief last weekend against Santa Clara and started Tuesday's game against UC Riverside (going 1 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings), but his role this weekend is unclear. . . RHP **Doug Konoske** (1-1, 3.70 ERA), a key reliever, is a La Costa Canyon High graduate.

### PAST CHAMPIONS

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
1999	LMU	Pepperdine
2000	LMU	Pepperdine
2001	Pepperdine	Gonzaga
2002	USD	Pepperdine
2003	USD	Pepperdine
2004	Pepperdine	LMU
2005	Pepperdine	LMU
2006	Pepperdine	USF
2007	USD	Gonzaga

— KIRK KENNEY

the other walk-ons.

"I wanted an opportunity to play at a great school like this with a great coaching staff," Munno said. "I knew I could play

at this level and that was my main motivation to succeed."

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## Matusz seasons command at college

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By Mike Scarr / MLB.com

SAN DIEGO — Command, stuff and character will propel most young pitchers into the draft but add southpaw to the equation and you're likely talking about a first-rounder.

Include some college seasoning on a still maturing 21-year-old frame and names will pop to the top-five range on most projected lists.

Such is the case with Brian Matusz, a left-handed starter who hopes he'll be pitching his University of San Diego Toreros into the College World Series next month.

"He's the No. 1 pitcher that I've had in my 21 years," said USD head baseball coach Rich Hill.

Matusz has been down this road before.

As one of the top high school pitchers in 2005, Matusz was projected as an early round selection. Questions of signability, when he reportedly told big league teams it would take at least \$1 million to forego college, dropped him to the fourth round where he was taken by the Angels.

Passing on the pro contract, Matusz chose the collegiate route and left St. Mary's High School in Phoenix for the hilltop campus of USD and a chance to grow both on the field and off.

His development on the mound has been exceptional, taking a mid-to-high 80s fastball and adding velocity that allows him now to regularly hit the gun in the 90-92 mph range while tipping the outer edge at 95.

Matusz basically threw two pitches in high school, complementing his fastball with a plus curve but has since added two more, which Hill believes are superior.

"He's got a great changeup and he's developed an excellent cut fastball that acts like a slider," Hill said. "His curveball was his bread-and-butter pitch in high school. It's still a good pitch but the changeup and the cut fastball overtook those."

Matusz, who went 10-2 with a 2.05 ERA in 12 starts this year, said he spends more time working on his fastball and uses it to set up the rest of his repertoire but feels he has equal command with each.

"I don't think I have a best pitch. I use all four pitches in different sequences and at different times. I don't have one pitch that is my go-to," Matusz said. "I use all of them throughout the whole game consistently."

Matusz said getting to the point where he can command four different pitches and use them in any count for strikes is largely a product of his time at USD and working with assistant coach Eric Valenzuela.



"I've developed physically. I've put on 30 pounds since my freshman year. I've been facing college competition, which is huge," Matusz said. "I've developed two more pitches, the cutter and the changeup, which have been key additions to me becoming a well-rounded pitcher."

Both Matusz and Hill credit the weight room for the added bulk but also the athletic department's sports psychology program that incorporates breathing and visualization techniques.

"He is the poster boy of why you should go to college," Hill said. "Out of high school he was this sort of rail-thin guy with a good arm and a guy with a lot of upside. He came to college and had enough courage to turn down seven figures and obviously that is going to pay off for him."

Hill compared Matusz to Phillies starter Cole Hamels but with a better fastball and cutter. And while he may be capable of

adding more velocity, Hill said his young starter will rely more on command, control and mechanics. Matusz struck out 122 and walked just 20 this year but Hill said the left-hander is more than a power pitcher.

"I think his secondary stuff is really what makes him but I think every one of his pitches is going to get better. The guy shaves once every two weeks. You look at him and he's still this baby-faced guy and it still looks like he hasn't grown into his body," Hill said. "He is not a finished product by any stretch of the imagination. Four-five years from now I think he's going to be (there)."

Tampa Bay holds the top pick in the First-Year Player Draft that will be held over two days, June 5-6. Matusz isn't expected to wait long for his phone call but he won't be sitting around.

First on his agenda over the next few weeks is the postseason. Matusz is starting Friday for the Toreros in the first game of a best-of-three matchup against Pepperdine to decide the West Coast Conference championship.

From there, he and his teammates are looking forward to the NCAA playoffs, where they hope to make a deep run to at least the World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium.

"This team is a very special team," Matusz said of USD that went 39-15 and 16-5 in the WCC. "The chemistry is great, everyone is good friends. As a team we've been getting better throughout the year. We want to compete for the National Championship. We know that is where we're going to end up."

The draft, meanwhile, is for others to decide.

"I don't focus on that at all. My focus is on our play and my play and our goal is to get to Omaha," Matusz said. "Success on the field will turn into good things in the draft and that is one thing that I don't focus on. Things will take care of themselves. Obviously it is exciting with all the hype but I try not to pay attention to it."

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### **USD earns WCC honors**

USD junior left-hander **Brian Matusz** was a unanimous choice as West Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, leading a group of 10 Toreros who earned all-conference honors.



**Brian Matusz**

Matusz, who was 6-1 in WCC play with a 1.89 ERA and 67 strikeouts in 52 $\frac{1}{3}$  innings, was joined on the All-WCC team by USD pitchers **Josh Romanski** and

**A.J. Griffin**, catcher **Logan Gelbrich** and outfielder **James Meador**. Pitchers **Kyle Blair** and **Sammy Solis** were selected to the All-Freshman Team. First baseman **Jose Valerio**, second baseman **Kevin Hansen** and outfielder **Kevin Muno** earned honorable mention.

USD's **Rich Hill** was selected WCC Coach of the Year for the second straight season.



# North County Times

May 22, 2008

## **Toreros clean up**

The University of San Diego baseball team was rewarded for another outstanding season, as Brian Matusz was named the West Coast Conference pitcher of the year and Rich Hill was named the coach of the year for the second consecutive season.

Matusz also was among 10 Toreros selected to various All-WCC teams. The junior left-hander, who's 10-2 with a 2.05 ERA and 122 strikeouts in 88 innings, made the first team along with Logan Gelbrich, AJ Griffin, James Meador and Josh Romanski.

## **USD players ousted**

Two USD players lost in the first round of the NCAA individual men's tennis championships in Tulsa, Okla.

Freshman Dean Jackson fell to Baylor's Lars Poerschke, the No. 7 seed, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. Senior Thomas Liversage was defeated 7-5, 6-4 by Tennessee's Kaden Hensel.



June 2 while the Super Regionals will run from June 6-8 or 7-9. The 2008 College World Series from Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska will take place from June 14-24/25, 2008.

**19 AND COUNTING:** Sophomore outfielder James Meador is currently riding a career-high 19 game hitting streak. In USD's 7-2 win over UC Riverside back on April 9, Meador was hitless going 0-for-4, since then however Meador is 34-for-78 (.447) with seven doubles, two triples, four home runs and 28 RBI. On the season, Meador is the team's leading hitter with a .380 batting average, has a team-best 71 hits, has the team-lead in doubles with 16, has two triples, five home runs and a team-leading 49 RBI.

**YOU CAN'T BEAT ME:** Junior All-American Josh Romanski finished the regular-season with a perfect 9-0 record. Romanski has been pitching exceptionally well as of late, as the two-way star has been one of the best Toreros pitchers in his last four outings. Romanski has posted a 3-0 record in these games, while posting a 1.80 ERA and averaging 7.5 innings per outing. Romanski has one complete game in these outings, a one run six hit performance against No. 13 Pepperdine on May 3. Overall Romanski has now lowered his ERA to 3.47. With his 9-0 record, Romanski has now moved his career record to 23-5 (.821), which gives him the best all-time record for a pitcher in USD history.

**TOREROS ON THE AIR:** Fans can catch all the WCC Championship Series action from San Diego this weekend, as all three games are slated to be broadcast on the web. A free live video webcast of the entire schedule of weekend games will be available exclusively at WCCsports.com, while an internet audio broadcast will be available at USDtoreros.com with the voice of the Toreros, Jack Murray, bringing fans all the live play-by-play action.

**10 TOREROS EARN ALL-WCC ACCOLADES:** The University of San Diego baseball team had 10 players named to the All-West Coast Conference teams highlighted by junior left-hander Brian Matusz being named the WCC Pitcher of the Year, and head coach Rich Hill being named the Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season. Taking home first-team All-WCC accolades are Logan Gelbrich, AJ Griffin, Matusz, James Meador and Josh Romanski. Gantmy Sole and Kyle Blair were both named to the All-WCC Freshman team and taking home All-WCC honorable mention accolades was Kevin Hansen, Kevin Munoz and Jose Valerio.

**MATUSZ NAMED WCC PITCHER OF THE YEAR:** Junior left-hander Brian Matusz was named the WCC pitcher of the Year. Matusz becomes the first Torero to be named Pitcher of the Year since Ricky Barrett received the accolade in 2002. The junior continued his assault on the record book, striking out a conference-high 122 batters on the year and moving into fourth place on the WCC's all-time strikeout list with 378. The Cave Creek, Ariz. native was nothing short of dominant during conference play, posting a 6-1 mark in seven starts and notching a miniscule 1.89 ERA during league action. Matusz fanned 87 batters in WCC play, while logging 52.1 innings to rank second in the conference.

**RICH HILL NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR:** Head Coach Rich Hill has been named the WCC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season and the third time in his career. Hill guided the Toreros to a 39-15 record, and the program's second straight WCC regular season title. USD put together a program-best 16-game winning streak during the campaign, including 12 straight victories against league opponents.

**NO-NO FOR ROMO:** Junior All-American Josh Romanski threw his first collegiate no-hitter to help guide the University of San Diego baseball team to a 12-0 win over Harvard University on March 24, 2008. Romanski faced one above the minimum in the game as he retired the first 13 batters he faced, before he hit Harvard's Matt Kramer in the top of the fifth inning. Romanski then retired the remaining 14 batters, while posting a season-high eight strikeouts in the win. The Crimson nearly broke up the no-hitter in the seventh inning on a well hit ball to the left side, but shortstop Sean Noot dove on the ball to knock it down, then popped up and just made the throw in time to preserve the no-hitter. Romanski's no-hitter is the sixth in program history and first since March 23, 1996, when Bart Mladich no-hit Gonzaga University.

**MATUSZ NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR THREE AWARDS:** Junior All-American Brian Matusz has been named a semifinalist for both the Dick Howser Trophy, the Golden Spikes award and Roger Clemens award. The Roger Clemens award is given out annually to the Nation's best collegiate pitcher and is named after future Hall of Famer Roger Clemens. The Dick Howser Trophy award is given out annually for the nation's best collegiate player by the NCBWA.

**ROMANSKI NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR GOLDEN SPIKES:** Junior All-American utility man Josh Romanski has been named along with teammate Brian Matusz, as a semifinalist for the Golden Spikes Award. The Golden Spikes award is given out annually to the nation's best collegiate baseball player. The winner will be announced after the MLB All-Star break.

**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 2008 spring season will be Hill's 21st year as a head coach at the collegiate level, and 10th at USD, having enjoyed 17 winning seasons in 20 years. Since taking over at USD in 1999, Hill has been remarkable in leading the Toreros to 10 consecutive winning campaigns, rewriting the school record book en route to claiming back-to-back West Coast Conference Championship titles in 2002 and 2003 and taking the title in 2007. Under his leadership San Diego has averaged 34 wins per season, including winning a school record 43 games in 2007, a year in which Hill was honored by his peers as the WCC of the Year. In 2007, Hill led USD to its highest national ranking in program history at No. 4, as well as USD's first-ever national seed in the NCAA Regionals.

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION:** All USD home games, as well as select road games, will be streamed live via video on the athletics department website. Fans can watch all the action live from the comfort of their home by logging onto usdtoreros.com. Once on the home page, click the LIVE button on the top right of the page. The voice of Torero Baseball Jack Murray will be bringing fans all the live play-by-play action all season long. This service is free of charge for all who wish to watch the broadcast. This weekend's games will not be streamed live on video, but there will be an audio feed for the games with Murray calling all the action.

**RECRUITING CLASS RANKED NATIONS BEST:** The University of San Diego baseball team's recruiting class has been tabbed as the nation's best, according to Baseball America's top-25 recruiting classes. According to Baseball America, Kyle Blair, Victor Sanchez and Matt Thomson have already proven ready to face elite college competition, as Thomson ranked as the No. 2 prospect in the Alaska League this summer, while Sanchez and Blair were the top two prospects in the Northwoods League. Steve Kaupang, a former basketball player, has massive raw power. Nick Ousman is another three-pitch mix guy in the mold of USD senior Matt Gough, while Solis has lots of projection to along with a present 88-91 mph fastball and a variation of a knuckle curveball.

**TOP BASEBALL PROGRAMS:** San Diego was ranked No. 3 by Kendall Rogers in the Rivals Five: Top Overall College Baseball Programs in December, 2007. The Toreros have made significant strides during the past few seasons, but what they accomplished in 2007 was special. In 2005, the Toreros failed to reach the NCAA Tournament with a less than stellar 30-27 overall record. However, their luck took a turn for the better with a 33-25 finish in 2006. Not only did the Toreros finish third in the West Coast Conference, they also competed in the Fullerton Regional. In 2007, the Toreros tallied impressive non-conference series wins over Texas and Wake Forest. They also finished the year with a dominant 16-3 conference record. After making steady progress during the past two seasons, the Toreros now hope to make an even bigger statement in 2008 and beyond.

**THREE TOREROS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS:** The University of San Diego baseball team had three players named first-team preseason All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball. Junior left hander Brian Matusz was named as a pitcher, while sophomore closer AJ Griffin was selected as a first-team closer and junior utility man Josh Romanski was named to the first-team as a utility player. Matusz, who posted an overall record of 10-3 and an ERA of 2.85 and fanned 163 batters as a sophomore, was also named first-team All-American by the National College Baseball Writers Association and was also named first-team preseason All-American by Baseball America. Romanski, who posted a 9-1 record on the mound with a 3.05 ERA and hit .335 with 75 hits, 10 doubles, two triples, three home runs and 30 RBI, was also tabbed as a second-team All-American by Baseball America and the NCBWA.



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## Brian Matusz Named WCC Pitcher of the Year, 10 Toreros Earn All-WCC Accolades

Rich Hill was tabbed as WCC Coach of the Year as well.

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Brian Matusz was named the WCC Pitcher of the Year.

May 21, 2008

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego baseball team had 10 players named to the All-West Coast Conference teams highlighted by junior left-hander Brian Matusz being named the WCC Pitcher of the Year, and head coach Rich Hill being named the Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season. Taking home first-team All-WCC accolades are Logan Gelbrich, AJ Griffin, Matusz, James Meador and Josh Romanski. Sammy Solis and Kyle Blair were both named to the All-WCC Freshman team and taking home All-WCC honorable mention accolades was Kevin Hansen, Kevin Muno and Jose Valerio.

Matusz becomes the first Torero to be named Pitcher of the Year since Ricky Barrett received the accolade in 2002. The junior continued his assault on the record book, striking out a conference-high 122 batters on the year and moving into fourth place on the WCC's all-time strikeout list with 378. The Cave Creek, Ariz. native was nothing short of dominant during conference play, posting a 6-1 mark in seven starts and notching a miniscule 1.89 ERA during league action. Matusz fanned 87 batters in WCC play, while logging 52.1 innings to rank second in the conference.

Hill was tabbed for Coach of the Year honors for the second straight season, and the third time in his career. Hill guided the Toreros to a 39-15 record, and the program's second straight WCC regular season title. USD put together a 16-game winning streak during the campaign, including 12 straight victories against league opponents.

Meador takes home his first All-WCC accolade after leading the team in hitting with a .380 overall batting average, a team-best 71 hits, 16 doubles, has two triples, five home runs and 49 RBI. In conference action, Meador was the catalyst for the offense as he led the team in hitting with a .442 average, while recording 38 hits, nine doubles, two triples, five home runs and 28 RBI.

Romanski takes home his second first-team All-WCC accolade as he posted an overall record of 9-0 with a 3.47 ERA on the mound and hit .317 with 64 hits, 14 doubles, one triple, six home runs and 45 RBI at the plate. In

conference action, Romanski posted a record of 5-0 with a 2.84 ERA on the mound and at the plate Romanski hit .301 with 25 hits, six doubles, two home runs and 18 RBI.

Gelbrich also takes home his second first-team All-WCC accolade as he hit .283 with 49 hits, 15 doubles, seven home runs and 31 RBI overall. In conference action he was second on the team with a .364 batting average, had 28 hits, nine doubles, five home runs and 18 RBI.

Griffin also takes home his second first-team All-WCC accolade as he posted an overall record of 1-1 with a 2.04 ERA and tied the school record for single-season saves with 13. With the 13 saves, Griffin became the all-time leader in career saves with 24. In conference action, Griffin was 0-1 with a 2.25 ERA and had six saves.

Hansen earns his second consecutive All-WCC honorable mention honor after having the best season of his career. Hansen finished the season second on the team in hitting with a .349 batting average, had 65 hits, 15 doubles, one triple, one home run and 35 RBI. In conference action, Hansen hit .321 with 25 hits, seven doubles, and nine RBI.

Muno takes home his first All-WCC-honorable mention accolade after a break-out season for the sophomore. Overall Muno hit .311 with 65 hits, 10 double, two triples, four home runs and 23 RBI and stole a team-best 21 bases. In conference action, Muno hit .310 with 26 hits, two doubles, one triple, and 14 RBI.

Valerio also takes home his first All-WCC honorable mention accolade as the junior hit .328 with 39 hits, seven doubles, four home runs and 20 RBI. In conference action, Valerio hit .300 with 21 hits, four doubles, three home runs and 12 RBI.

Blair, a 6-3 freshman from Monte Sereno, Calif., takes home a All-WCC freshman accolade after posting a 6-4 overall record with a 4.36 ERA and was second on the team in strikeouts with 86. In conference action, Blair posted a 4-1 record with a 6.42 ERA and has 31 strikeouts.

Solis, a 6-5 freshman from Litchfield Park, Ariz., takes home an All-WCC Freshman team accolade after posting a 3-1 overall record with a 3.89 ERA. In conference action, Solis was 1-0 with a 4.42 ERA in six appearances.

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May 19, 2008

## **It's USD-Pepperdine in WCC series**

The USD baseball team had the week off for finals; but the Toreros face the season's biggest test this weekend in the West Coast Conference Championship Series.

No. 11-ranked USD, which won the WCC regular-season title, will host Pepperdine in the best-of-three championship series. The Toreros won two of three games when the

teams met earlier this month in Malibu.

Pepperdine defeated Santa Clara 6-5 yesterday to clinch second place.

The championship series winner receives the WCC's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. USD defeated Gonzaga to win last year's title.

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### Baseball Moves up to No. 7 in Latest Polls

USD is ranked as high as No. 7 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll.

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May 19, 2008

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego baseball team remains in the top-10 as they moved up two spots to No. 7 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll. The Toreros held steady at No. 11 in the latest baseball America top-25 poll and held steady at No. 12 in the latest Rivals.com top-25 poll.

USD is ranked as high as No. 7 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll.

The Toreros, who had a bye week this last week, will host No. 13 Pepperdine University in the West Coast Conference Championship Series this weekend at Cunningham Stadium. Friday's game will begin at 3 p.m., Saturday's game will begin at 2 p.m. and if necessary Sunday's game will begin at 1 p.m. The winner of the three-game series will

earn the league's automatic bid into the NCAA postseason. The Toreros and Waves have met on two prior occasions in the WCC Championship Series with the Toreros claiming the victory in both instances. This will be the first meeting in the championship series between the two in San Diego, as they prior two occasions were held in Malibu.



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# Brian Matusz Highlights Semifinalists for Roger Clemens Award

This is the second consecutive year Matusz has been a semifinalist.

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Brian Matusz was named a semifinalist for the Roger Clemens Award.

May 15, 2008

HOUSTON, Texas - San Diego left-hander Brian Matusz, a 2007 semifinalist, leads a group of 10 of the best college pitchers in America who have been named semifinalists for the fifth Roger Clemens Award. The list was announced on Thursday in Houston after the conclusion of the first round of voting by the nation's Division 1 head baseball coaches and selected national media.

Matusz is joined by Scott Bittle of Mississippi, Aaron Crow of Missouri, Joshua Fields of Georgia, Scott Gorgen of UC Irvine, Chris Hernandez of Miami (Fla.), Shooter Hunt of Tulane, Mike Leake of Arizona State, Andrew Liebel of Long Beach State, and Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State.

The group includes the current national leaders in wins (Crow), saves (Fields), strikeouts (Strasburg) and strikeouts per nine innings (Bittle). The national field features pitchers from eight conferences with the Big West and Southeastern conferences being represented by two candidates each.

Ole Miss, Bittle a junior right-hander from Texarkana, Tex., is 5-1 on the season with a 1.48 earned run average and seven saves. Bittle has struck out 99 batters in only 54.2 innings. His ERA also ranks fourth nationally.

Missouri's Crow, a junior righty from Wakarusa, Kan., is 11-0 with a 2.82 ERA. In addition to being the national leader in wins, his 103 strikeouts in 83 innings ranks fifth in the nation.

Georgia's Fields, a right-hander from Hull, Ga., picked up his NCAA-best 16th save Tuesday night in the Bulldogs, 3-2 win over Georgia Tech in Atlanta. He's also 1-1 with a 0.66 ERA, and has struck out 49 opponents in 27.1 innings.

UC Irvine's Gorgen, a junior right-hander from Concord, Calif., is 10-2 with a 1.79 ERA. That earned run average ranks 11th in the country, and his total of 101 K's in 90.1 innings ranks seventh nationally for the ninth-ranked Anteaters.

Miami's Chris Hernandez, a hometown freshman left-hander, is 9-0 with a 2.70 ERA as the top-ranked Hurricanes, Friday starter. He's the first freshman to earn a semifinal berth in the five years of balloting for the Clemens Award.

Hunt, a Tulane junior right-hander from Wyckoff, N.J., is 9-1 with a 1.97 ERA. He ranks in the top 15 nationally in wins, ERA, and strikeouts (105 in 77.2 innings).

ASU's Leake, a sophomore from Fallbrook, Calif., is 8-1 with a 3.42 ERA for the fourth-ranked Sun Devils. He's struck out 66 in 92 innings.

LBSU's Liebel, a senior right-hander from Pmona, Calif., is 7-2 with a 1.69 ERA, a mark that ranks ninth in the country. Liebel has led the Dirtbags to a top 25 ranking the current NCBWA poll.

Matusz, a USD junior lefty from Cave Creek, Ariz., is 10-2 with a 2.05 ERA. His 122 strikeouts in just 88 innings (third in the country) has paced the Toreros to a top-10 national ranking.

SDSU's Strasburg, a sophomore right-hander from San Diego, Calif., is 8-1 with a 1.28 earned run average. His

NCAA-best 125 strikeouts has come in only 84.1 innings.

Voters for The Roger Clemens Award are broken down into three groups. All Division 1 head baseball coaches are issued ballots, as are a selected group of writers and broadcasters who cover the college game. In addition the 16 winners of the R.E. Bob Smith Award, which was presented in Houston in 1988-2003, are asked to vote, along with the 13 finalists from the first four years of the Clemens Award.

The Roger Clemens Award was named after pitching legend Roger Clemens, who began his march to stardom while leading the University of Texas to the College World Series title in 1983. As a major-leaguer, Clemens won 354 games (eighth best in history), fanned 4,672 hitters and won seven Cy Young Awards, emblematic as the top pitcher in his league. The Roger Clemens Award is the only award of its kind, honoring the finest pitchers in college baseball. Voting to determine the three finalists for the 2008 award will begin on May 26.

The event is administered by the Greater Houston Baseball Association, which has donated more than \$300,000 to the charities from the net proceeds from the first four dinners. The GHBA is a non-profit 501.3 (C) organization dedicated to the growth of amateur baseball in the Houston area.

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## Matusz Named Semifinalist for Dick Howser Trophy

Matusz is 10-2 overall with a 2.05 ERA and has a team-best 122 strikeouts on the season.

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Brian Matusz Named Semifinalist for Dick Howser Trophy

May 15, 2008

LINCOLN, Neb. - The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, working in conjunction with the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, has released the list of 16 semifinalists for the 2008 Dick Howser Trophy, given to the top player in collegiate baseball. The University of San Diego's junior left-hander Brian Matusz highlights this list.

The membership of the NCBWA will choose the Dick Howser Trophy based on three rounds of voting. The 2008 winner will be announced just prior to the first game of the College World Series, with a press conference slated for Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. (CDT) at the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Matusz is currently 10-2 overall with a 2.05 ERA and leads the team in strikeouts with 122. Matusz has been named the WCC Pitcher of the Month twice this season and is second all-time in career strikeouts at USD with 378, only trailing the all-time leader Gary Myron (1968-71) by 16 for the all-time lead.

The 16 candidates hail from nine different conferences, with the SEC producing four and the Pac-10 listing three. Arizona State and Kentucky are the only schools with multiple semifinalists. Eight different positions are represented on the list, including five pitchers,

three outfielders and two first basemen.

The Dick Howser Trophy, given in memory of the former Florida State University All-America shortstop and major league player and manager who died of brain cancer in 1987, is regarded by many as college baseball's most prestigious award.

Criteria for consideration for the trophy include performance on the field, leadership, moral character and courage, qualities that were exemplified by Dick Howser's life.

A Florida native, Howser was twice an All-America shortstop at Florida State University (1957-58), then coached the Seminoles in 1979 after a career as a major league player and coach. After one year in the college ranks, Howser returned to the majors to manage the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals and won the World Series with the Royals in 1985. The baseball stadium on the Florida State campus is named for Howser.

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The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce is in its 109th year of existence in 2008. The organization has long been a vital force in the baseball affairs of the city, both in spring training and during the pursuit of a major league baseball franchise for the Tampa Bay-St. Petersburg area and continues its solid role in the 21st Century.

NCBWA membership includes writers, broadcasters and publicists. Designed to promote and publicize college baseball, it is the sport's only college media-related organization, founded in 1962.

The Howser Trophy was created in 1987, shortly after Howser's death. Previous winners of the Howser Trophy are Mike Fiore, Miami, 1987; Robin Ventura, Oklahoma State, 1988; Scott Bryant, Texas, 1989; Alex Fernandez, Miami-Dade Community College South, 1990; Frank Rodriguez, Howard College (Texas), 1991; Brooks Kieschnick, Texas, 1992 and 1993; Jason Varitek, Georgia Tech, 1994; Todd Helton, Tennessee, 1995; Kris Benson, Clemson, 1996; J. D. Drew, Florida State, 1997; Eddy Furniss, LSU, 1998; Jason Jennings, Baylor, 1999; Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; Mark Prior, P. USC, 2001; Khalil Greene, SS, Clemson, 2002; Rickey Weeks, 2B, Southern U., 2003; Jered Weaver, P, Long Beach State, 2004; Alex Gordon, 3B, Nebraska, 2005; and Brad Lincoln, P/DH, Houston, 2006; David Price, P, Vanderbilt.

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### Baseball Remains in the Top-10

USD checks in at No. 9 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll.

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May 12, 2008

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego baseball team remains in the top-10, coming in at No. 9 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll. The Toreros fell two spots in the latest Rivals.com top-25 poll to No. 10 and fell three spots to No. 11 in the latest Baseball America top-25 poll.

USD is ranked as high as No. 9 in the latest Collegiate Baseball top-30 poll.

San Diego posted a 2-2 record in the final regular-season week as they notched a 5-3 win on the road against UCLA and clinched a share of the WCC Championship with a 4-2 win over San Francisco on Friday. The Toreros then dropped their final two games of the series vs. USF to finish the regular-season with a 39-16 overall record and a 16-5

record in the WCC. In Wednesday's win, the Toreros received a dominating performance from Ricardo Pecina on the mound as he came on in relief in the first inning and allowed no runs on four hits in 5.2 innings of work, while tying a career-high 11 strikeouts. In Friday's win, again USD got a strong pitching performance from Junior All-American Brian Motusz, as he allowed two runs on seven hits, while striking out 14 batters in 8.1 innings of work en route to leading USD to at least a share of the WCC championship. In Saturday's loss, Kevin Muno led the way offensively as he went 3-for-5 with one RBI and three stolen bases and in Sunday's loss, the Dons used a seven-run bottom of the second inning to take control of the game and claim the series.

The Toreros will have the week off to concentrate on finals, then they will return to action on May 23 as they begin the West Coast Conference Championship series at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

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just the second time. Last year's team went 43-18. USD gets another crack at it today when the teams complete the three-game series.

The contest also will complete the regular season for the Toreros. USD coach Rich Hill could add two more games to the schedule to reach 56, the maximum allowed by the NCAA in the regular season.

Regardless, the Toreros will be hosting the best-of-three WCC Championship Series May 23-25. Pepperdine and Santa Clara are battling for second place and the chance to oppose the Toreros.

Against USF, the Toreros' Josh Romanski allowed just five hits and one run with seven strikeouts, leaving after seven innings with a 2-1 lead.

USF scored five times in the eighth inning against Ricardo Pecina (5-4), the big blows coming on a two-run single by Chris Escobar and a three-run homer by Stephen Yarrow. An error by shortstop Sean Nicol to open the inning resulted in none of the runs being earned.

### **USD falls to USF**

USD was cruising along with a one-run lead at USF before the Dons used a big eighth inning for a 6-3 West Coast Conference win.

The No. 8-ranked Toreros (39-14, 16-4) were aiming to reach the 40-win plateau for

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## Toreros clinch WCC home field

A week ago, Pepperdine had the audacity to deal USD's Brian Matusz his first loss in more than two months.

Matusz took it out on USF yesterday, holding the host Dons without a run for eight innings before the No. 8-ranked Toreros settled for a 4-2 victory.

USD clinched at least a share of the West Coast Conference regular-season championship with the victory. More important to the Toreros (39-13, 16-3), they assured themselves home-field advantage for the WCC Championship Series, which is May 23-25.

USD, which defeated Gonzaga at home to win last year's title, will play either Pepperdine or Santa Clara in the best-of-three series. The winner receives the conference's automatic NCAA tournament berth.

Kevin Hansen's two-run double in the first inning got things started for USD. Kevin Muno's solo homer and James Meador's RBI double accounted for the Toreros' other runs.

Matusz (10-2) allowed seven hits, struck out 14 and did not walk a batter in 8 $\frac{1}{3}$  innings against USF (29-22, 10-9), reaching double figures in wins for the second straight season. He went 10-3 a year ago.

Matusz departed with a 4-0 lead but was charged with two runs when USF's Joey Railey hit a two-out single off Toreros closer A.J. Griffin.

Griffin ended the game one batter later to get his 13th save, tying USD's single-season record set by Tony Perez in 2003. Griffin, incidentally, is one of 12 players who have accepted invitations to play for Team USA this summer.

May 5, 2008

COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Blair, Toreros focus on the Waves on field

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

MALIBU — Three things that could have been a distraction at yesterday's USD-Pepperdine game:

- The view of the ocean beyond the left-field fence at Eddy D. Field Stadium.
- The bingo numbers being called out by the PA announcer at the end of every other inning (accompanied by the tune of "There was a farmer who had a dog, and Bingo was his name-o . . .").
- Word that Malibu resident Pamela Anderson was having a garage sale just a few blocks down the road.

USD's Kyle Blair was focused from the first pitch against the Waves while leading the No. 8-ranked Toreros to a 2-0 win.

"We really needed a shutdown inning," said Blair, who struck out the side in the first. "That set the tone a little bit."

Blair said after that his approach was, "Here it is. Good luck."

No one from the Toreros had a winning bingo card — although "B-I-N-G-O" is probably still ringing in their ears — but the Toreros (37-13, 15-3 WCC) had to be happy taking two of three from the Waves (28-15, 9-5).

The victory clinched a berth in the WCC Championship Series for the Toreros. They can clinch the regular-season title with one win in this weekend's three-

game series at USF.

Blair, a 6-foot-3 freshman right-hander, allowed two hits and struck out seven in 7<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

It was his first start since being removed from the rotation amid some midseason struggles. He returned with a new fastball grip as well as a better grip on his situation.

"It gave me a reality check that I needed to get back into it," said Blair.

Said USD coach Rich Hill: "The thing I'm most proud of is when he experienced adversity early in the season, he didn't hang his head.

"He went right to the 'pen and right to the weight room and tried to get better. . . .

"Having faced some adversity and some different situations, he's better equipped for what's coming up in any tough game now."

Blair (6-3) may have been more dominant in a start at Hawaii-Hilo — when he struck out a school-record 16 — but not by much.

He did not allow a baserunner until Bryce Mendonca singled to lead off the fourth. Mendonca's stay was brief. Blair picked him off first before throwing another pitch.

An error and a hit batter created a predicament for Blair in the fifth, but

he pitched out of it. A leadoff walk and another hit batter created a similar situation in the sixth, but again Blair extricated himself.

Hill finally went to the bullpen after Mendonca's two-out double in the eighth and Ricardo Pecina and A.J. Griffin got the final four outs.

It was Pepperdine pitcher Scott Alexander (5-3) who didn't have his focus in the first.

A two-out double by USD's James Meador was followed by four straight walks as Alexander struggled to find the plate and the Toreros struck for the game's only runs.

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## Kyle Blair Named WCC Pitcher of the Week

Blair allowed no runs on two hits, while striking out seven in 7.2 innings of work against Pepperdine on Sunday.

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May 5, 2008

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.** - Freshman right-hander Kyle Blair of the eighth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team has been named the West Coast Conference Pitcher of the Week. This is the second time this season Blair has earned this award.

Blair, a 6-3 freshman from Monte Sereno, CA, helped lead USD to a series win over No. 13 Pepperdine University Sunday afternoon in one the best games of his young career. Blair was dominating on the mound for the Toreros as he didn't give up his first hit of the game until the top of the fourth inning, and then only surrendered one more hit for the remainder of his outing. Blair finished his day allowing no runs on two hits, while striking out seven in 7.2 innings of work. On the season, Blair is 6-3 with a 3.86 ERA and is second on the team in strikeouts with 84.

Blair and the Toreros will return to action on Tuesday as they travel to Los Angeles for a 6 p.m. non-conference game against UCLA.

Kyle Blair named WCC Pitcher of the Week.

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May 4, 2008

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**

# Romanski delivers in Toreros' romp

**By Kirk Kenney**  
STAFF WRITER

MALIBU — The enthusiasm Josh Romanski brings to USD is especially evident on Saturdays, when he gets to pitch and hit for the Toreros.

Arguably the best two-way player in college baseball, Romanski led the No. 8-ranked Toreros to a 9-1 victory yesterday at Pepperdine.

The junior left-hander pitched a six-hitter against the Waves, running his record to 9-0 on the season.

It was a play at the plate that revealed all one needs to know about Romanski, however.

Romanski hit a leadoff double in the second inning and scored on a single by teammate Kevin Hansen, sliding head-first into home for the Toreros' first run. Romanski came up wearing dirt on his jersey and a smile on his face as he high-fived his way back to the dugout.

"It's always good to get out there and run the bases and get the adrenaline going a little bit and get the blood flowing," said Romanski. "It kind of wakes you up like a splash of cold water right in the face."

Romanski never bothered to dust himself off.

"He's standing out on the mound, dirt everywhere, just a total throwback," said USD coach Rich Hill. "He was phenomenal once again."

Romanski pitched six shutout innings before allowing a run in the seventh. USD (36-13, 14-3 WCC) had a 9-0 lead by that time against the Waves (28-14, 9-4).

The Toreros nicked Pepperdine starter Matt Bywater (6-2) for a run or two here and a couple more there before blowing the game open with a five-run sixth.

It all hinged on USD's Kevin Muno beating a throw to second base on what would have been an inning-ending force play.

"That got us four more runs," Hill said.

Muno struck out three times in Friday's loss to the Waves, but he put that behind him and focused on making something positive happen against Pepperdine. The Waves would have gotten out of the inning allowing just one run had Muno not been anticipating such a play.

"We work on that during practice, beating the force, so I had that in the back of my mind," said Muno, who was thinking, "If the batter hits a hard chopper or any ground ball to get the best jump I can and go all out."

A USD victory today would clinch a spot for the Toreros in the WCC Championship Series, a two-team, best-of-three series that sends the winner to the NCAA Tournament.

May 3, 2008

COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Waves deal USD's ace a rare loss

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

MALIBU — There was only one explanation for the perplexed look on the faces of the USD Toreros yesterday — Brian Matusz lost.

Pepperdine defeated the Toreros 5-2 in the West Coast Conference game, with all five runs charged to Matusz. It was the first time in more than two months either one of those events had occurred.

It's no wonder the Toreros didn't know what to make of it.

Matusz, a junior left-hander, had won nine straight starts since a season-opening loss to San Diego State, allowing only seven earned runs in 69 innings (a 0.91 ERA) since then.

"I can't say it's familiarity with him, because we haven't done it in three years," Pepperdine coach Steve Rodriguez said. "Our guys did a really good job of staying aggressive. He's a strike thrower, so it's just a matter of guessing right when you're facing a guy like him and trying to put the ball in play."

Pepperdine (28-13, 9-3 WCC) tightened the conference race with the victory over the No. 8-ranked Toreros (35-13, 13-3), who saw a 12-game conference winning streak end.

Pepperdine collected 10 hits off Matusz. The only really hard hit was a picturesque two-run homer by Ryan Heroy that was deposited beyond the fence in left field, with palm trees and the ocean serving as a backdrop. None of the others — many of them bloopers or oops — was a thing of beauty. They were simply well-placed or well-timed.

"They did a good job of battling and definitely put the ball in the right spot," said Matusz (9-2), who walked two and struck out nine. "I felt like I made good pitches and they got jammed or hit it off the end of the bat and they fell in there. But that's baseball."

Said USD coach Rich Hill: "You just have to give them credit. . . . Before you know it they're cashing them in. Good teams do that."

Pepperdine starter Nathan Newman (6-2) held USD hitless through three innings before the Toreros broke through for two hits and a run in the fourth inning to make it 4-1. The Toreros added a run in the fifth off Newman, but couldn't do anything once Pepperdine went to the bullpen.

May 2, 2008

## Nice rerun of success looks good to Toreros

By Kirk Kenney  
STAFF WRITER

The scenario for the USD baseball team this season is shaping up much as it did a year ago.

The Toreros are finishing strong down the stretch, have risen to No. 8 in the nation, lead the West Coast Conference and are positioning themselves to be one of the top seeds in next month's NCAA Tournament.

Last year, USD finished strong down the stretch, rose to No. 4 in the nation, won the WCC regular season and tournament titles, received one of eight national seeds in the NCAA Tournament and hosted an NCAA Regional at SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The difference this time around?

USD coach Rich Hill said the Toreros will not make a bid to host a first-round regional.

"San Diego State and Tony (Gwynn) were awesome last year," said Hill, before adding, "All things considered, we said we'll take a backseat this year. There's a lot to be said for both sides of the argument.

"There's a lot of factors involved when you don't have your facility."

One thing is certain, it didn't work out last year the way the Toreros envisioned. USD was abruptly eliminated from the double-elimination tournament with losses to Fresno State and Minnesota in the Toreros' first two games.

Said Hill: "At the end of the day, you have to decide, No. 1, do we really have a chance at hosting, and, No. 2, is it going to be worth it or is it going to be in our best interest to be shipped out."

Teams from the West are so strong this season, that



Coach Rich Hill's Toreros are ranked eighth in the nation.

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there could be as many as 16 teams from the region in the 64-team field and as many as five host sites out of 16 four-team regionals. Both would be records.

In the past, some West Coast teams have seen it as more desirable to be shipped to another part of the country as a No. 1 seed. The thinking was, they would be in a weaker grouping of teams, have a better chance to win the regional and then host a Super Regional the following week.

Hill would not say whether the Toreros would be interested in hosting a Super Regional, which is a two-team, best-of-three series that sends the winner to the College World Series.

First things first.

"Let's just win this weekend and see what it looks like," Hill said.

USD (35-12, 13-2 WCC) opens a three-game series at Pepperdine (27-13, 8-3) today with first place on the line.

The Toreros can clinch at least a tie for the regular-season championship with a sweep.

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## Toreros Sweep WCC Player/Pitcher of the Month Honors

James Meador named Player of the Month and Brian Matusz named Pitcher of the Month.

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Brian Matusz named WCC Pitcher of the Month.

May 2, 2008

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego baseball team swept the West Coast Conference Player and Pitcher of the Month honors, with sophomore outfielder James Meador taking home the Player of the Month and for the second consecutive month Brian Matusz was tabbed the WCC Pitcher of the Month.

Meador helped lead San Diego to a 16-2 record during the month of April, including a program-record 16-game winning streak for the Toreros. The sophomore batted a team-best .413 (31-for-75) on the month, while clubbing five home runs and driving in a conference-best 29 runs. Meador also contributed with 16 runs scored, five doubles, and two triples, en route to leading San Diego to the top of the conference standings. The Ramona, CA native was named WCC Co-Player of the Week on April 21, after batting .438 (7-for-16) and leading USD to a series sweep of Saint Mary's. Meador enters the month of May batting a team-best .370 (60-for-162) with a team-high 46 RBI.

Matusz continued his dominance of opposing lineups during the month of April, posting a perfect 4-0 record, and notching a miniscule 1.24 ERA. The junior rung up 36 strikeouts in just 29.0 innings of work during April, and held opponents to a .225 batting average. In his four starts against conference opponents, the Cave Creek, AZ native allowed 11 runs, and just four earned runs, while surrendering just 25 total hits. Matusz struck out

nine batters in a win at Portland on April 11, before collecting 10 strikeouts in a win over Saint Mary's on April 18. He closed out the month with nine strikeouts in seven innings against LMU on April 25.

The Toreros will continue their three-game series with Pepperdine on Saturday with a 1 p.m. game at Eddy D. Field Stadium.

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## Waves' and Toreros' blue-collar approach helps find success

By Aaron Fitt  
Baseball America



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Kevin Hansen is one of the unsung heroes who has helped San Diego to the top of the WCC.

### MEANINGFUL MATCHUP

#### San Diego at Pepperdine

Pepperdine might have been the most talented team on the West Coast in 2007, with nine players drafted last June -- including four players among the first five rounds. Those Waves rolled into their annual showdown against San Diego last April 27 ranked No. 13 in the nation and sitting tied with the Toreros atop the West Coast Conference standings at 10-2.

San Diego unceremoniously swept Pepperdine that weekend to take control of the WCC and send the Waves into a 5-9 tailspin. They wound up as the No. 3 seed in the Long Beach Regional, where they went 0-2.

A year later, San Diego is in just about the same position heading into the Pepperdine series, with a 35-12 overall record, a 13-2 conference mark and a No. 8 ranking. The Waves, though, are unranked and trail the Toreros by three games in the WCC standings (one in the loss column). This year's Pepperdine team is markedly less experienced: Seven of last year's nine drafted players signed pro contracts, and first-team preseason All-America right-hander Brett Hunter has been limited to just 13 innings by an elbow injury. Yet for all of that, Pepperdine coach Steve Rodriguez feels even better about his team than he did a year ago.

"We lost some huge guys in Barry Enright and Danny Worth and Adrian Ortiz and Jason Dominguez. When you lose guys like that, it's tough to rebound, but at the same time we've brought in some amazing talent," Rodriguez said. "The guys who we brought in have stepped up. This

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might be one of the more talented teams that we've had with regards to the depth on the mound and the defense and athleticism. We're different but it doesn't mean we're worse. I actually think we're better. This team has been able to sustain some success over the year, whereas last year we came out like barnstormers and there wasn't a team we couldn't beat, and by the end we couldn't beat ourselves in intrasquads.

"I've said this to several people: This might be one of the more fun teams I've had to coach because of their willingness to do the things you ask them to do. Is it frustrating at times? Absolutely, because they're so young, but they're wanting to get it."

Hunter hasn't pitched since March 1 against Texas Christian and won't pitch this weekend either, but he's close to returning. Tests have revealed no structural damage in his elbow, rather a nick that simply needed rest to heal itself. Rodriguez said Hunter has felt good for the last three weeks and has wanted to start pitching again, but doctors advised caution, so the Waves are being careful. He has begun throwing bullpen sessions recently, and the plan is for him to throw a couple of innings in relief next weekend against Portland, then slot back into the rotation the following week against Santa Clara.

In Hunter's place, junior college transfer Nathan Newman (5-2, 2.92) has been very solid, though not as overpowering. Newman works in the 88-90 mph range with his fastball and has a solid curveball, but his competitiveness is his strongest attribute. The other two weekend starters, freshmen left-handers Scott Alexander (5-2, 4.45) and Matt Bywater (6-1, 4.70) have big-time arms and have learned on the job, though they've had their ups and downs.

But no matter how many freshmen the Waves rely upon, Rodriguez expects them to win -- and it shows.

"I think they're extremely well-coached," San Diego coach Rich Hill said of the Waves. "Losing guys like Danny Worth and Adrian Ortiz, Barry Enright, Adam Olbrychowski -- for them to lose all of that, have the injuries they've had and be where they're at is amazing. It's really a testament to the heart and the chemistry that the players have. They put on that Pepperdine jersey and that 'P' on the hat, and it's like something happens to them. They rise above any type of adversity and play well."

The Waves have newcomers in their lineup as well, but they also have talented veterans playing at a high level. Junior Chase d'Arnaud (.340/.429/.571 with seven homers and 40 RBIs) has made a seamless transition from third base to shortstop, and athletic junior Eric Thames (.403/.511/.812 with 13 homers, 56 RBIs and 10 stolen bases) has moved from mostly DH duties a year ago to center field and played at an All-America level.

"He's doing an amazing job for us," Rodriguez said. "We developed a new strength and conditioning program that we think has really helped him. He's always been a big strong kid, but a lot of things in his swing were flawed in a way, and I think our strength and conditioning program has really helped him. He's really improved his defense in center field by his hard work. He's really developed a knack for making adjustments as the game goes on."

San Diego, of course, has no lack of star power, and Hill has gotten the kind of elite performance he's come to expect from his preseason All-Americans: left-hander Brian Matusz (9-1, 1.59 with a 99-18 strikeout-walk ratio in 74 innings) and left-hander/center fielder Josh Romanski (8-0, 4.00, 57-13 K-BB in 70 IP; .337/.429/.526 with six homers and 44 RBIs). The Toreros also have an elite sophomore closer in A.J. Griffin (1-1, 2.27 with 10 saves, 36-10 K-BB in 35 IP) and two of the nation's most heralded freshmen in third baseman Victor Sanchez (.301/.367/.566 with 11 homers and 45 RBIs) and right-hander Kyle Blair (5-3, 4.39 with a 77-28 K-BB in 55 IP).

But Hill gives much of the credit for USD's recent 16-game winning streak (which ended Tuesday at Cal State

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- Ohio State at No. 21 Michigan
- No. 22 Vanderbilt at Tennessee
- No. 23 Oregon State at Washington State
- West Virginia at No. 24 St. John's
- No. 25 Long Beach State at UC Davis
- Off for Exams: North Carolina (No. 2), Rice (No. 7)

Fullerton) to less ballyhooed players like outfielders James Meador (.370/.408/.562 with five homers and 46 RBIs) and Kevin Muno (.289/.385/.394); infielders Jose Valerio (.358/.404/.558) and Kevin Hansen (.350/.397/.444); and catchers Logan Gelbrich (.307/.366/.533 with seven homers) and Nick McCoy (.261/.388/.319).

"That's the real story of our team," Hill said. "You've got poster boys Matusz, Romanski, Sanchez and Blair, but the real story has been Valerio, McCoy, Muno, Hansen and Gelbrich. All five of those guys are recruited walk-ons, and they're all starting. Valerio is a redshirt junior, a local boy, who's been behind some really good first basemen since he's been here, and he's just grinded it out. Nick McCoy came in as a 5-foot-10, 160-pound walk-on catcher who has lived in the weight room and bullpen, and when he's gotten his chance, he's been great. His quality at-bats have been unbelievable: He's only struck out twice in 69 at-bats. "Muno has stepped in and really done an amazing job -- he really fits in with our system in terms of the offensive skills part of the game. The guy's totally bought in, and made himself a .300 hitter. He doesn't pass the look test -- how he fields, how he throws, how he bunts, how he runs. But at the end of the day it's a great productive at-bat, a great defensive effort, and he creates havoc on the basepaths."

As usual, San Diego and Pepperdine are the class of the WCC, and this weekend is likely to decide which team gets home-field advantage in the best-of-three conference championship series. The Toreros and Waves are elite programs in Southern California, but that doesn't preclude them from embracing a blue-collar approach. And that has an awful lot to do with their success.

## MARQUEE MOUND MATCHUP



Coastal Carolina's Bobby Gagg vs. Georgia Tech's David Duncan

Georgia Tech coach Danny Hall chuckled when asked about his upcoming series against mid-major superpower Coastal Carolina.



"Pretty neat bit of scheduling on my part, huh?" Hall said. "I've known [Chanticleers coach] Gary Gilmore for a long time and have the utmost respect for him and his program. He has had us over there for the Baseball at the Beach tournament; we've gone over there and played before. Both of us had an open weekend, and I knew they'd be very good. For us it's like having another ACC weekend where you have to be ready to play. I think they might be in first place if they were in our league right now, the way they've been playing. They've been one of those programs that's been right on the edge of breaking through and getting to Omaha."

As usual, the Chanticleers are perched atop the Big South with a 12-3 conference record to go along with a 37-9 overall mark and a strong Ratings Percentage Index (15). That puts them in position to earn a No. 1 seed in a regional for the second straight year. However, they're unlikely to host because of inadequate facilities and the unavailability of the nearby Myrtle Beach Pelicans' facility, where they hosted last year. Coastal is leading the Big South in just about every significant offensive category, including batting average (.313), scoring (7.4 runs per game), homers (57), stolen bases (75), walks (220) and even sacrifice bunts (56, which is fourth-most in the nation), so Georgia Tech's strong pitching staff will have its work cut out for it. But the Chanticleers are also the best in the Big South in fielding percentage (.973) and ERA (3.72, 20th-best in the country), giving them a good chance to win any pitcher's duel. Leading the way is Gagg, a junior right-hander who has excellent command of an 87-91 mph fastball, a very good feel for pitching and a nasty competitive streak. He's gone 6-1, 2.33 with 44 strikeouts and just five walks in 66 innings.

Tech counters with Duncan, a 6-foot-8 junior left-hander who could go in the top two or three rounds of the draft in June. Duncan struggled with his mechanics early in the year but has gotten on track in his last few starts. On the year he's 5-2, 3.84 with a 57-23 K-BB ratio in 66 innings.

"I think David has thrown very well his last couple outings. He probably has thrown the best that he's thrown maybe the whole year the last two outings," Hall said. "I think that does shape up as a great matchup [against Gagg]. I know he's going to have to pitch well in order for us to have a chance to win. The split's been good his last couple outings, but he's had great velocity his last couple. For him, that's sitting a lot of 90s, 91s lately, and his control has been better."

"The biggest thing is he's gotten his arm slot back on top of the baseball, and he's throwing the ball downhill again."



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## Crystal ball: Projecting the first 20 picks

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Ready to expand your horizons? Here is my first crack at projecting the top 20 picks in the draft.

While the biggest difference from last week's top 10 is in the No. 1 spot -- giving the Rays a different selection -- the change with the larger ramifications for the first round comes at No. 10.

Last week, Fresno State's Tanner Scheppers was the pick for the Astros in that slot. Since then, however, much has changed. Scheppers' original diagnosis of "shoulder tenderness" turned out to be a stress fracture, an injury that no scout contacted about it had ever heard of occurring as a result of pitching. Further details about his condition have been hard to come by, but it's safe to assume that Scheppers' chances of being a first-round pick are minimal at best.



What that does to the rest of the first round remains to be seen. Will teams reach a little bit for the college pitchers still seen as viable options? With Scheppers on the shelf, joining preseason first-round favorite Brett Hunter of Pepperdine, and Cal's Tyson Ross pitching hurt according to some reports, it's possible that teams will not wait and take the few good advanced arms they feel are out there.

Many of them are in this top 20, a list that is sure to evolve and change as we get closer to June 5. Next week, we'll tackle the entire first round, all 30 picks.

### 1. Tampa Bay Rays: Tim Beckham, SS, Griffin HS, Griffin, Ga.

It's the same five names in consideration as last week: Buster Posey, the FSU catcher; Vanderbilt's Pedro Alvarez; San Diego lefty Brian Matusz; Southern California high school catcher Kyle Skipworth, and Beckham, the tooly high school shortstop in Georgia. For some reason, the growing sentiment is that it's between Posey and Beckham, but I'm told that isn't the case. In any event, I'm switching up the pick mostly to show a different scenario as well as to indicate it's still very much up in the air.

**Last week's projection:** Buster Posey

### 2. Pittsburgh Pirates: Pedro Alvarez, 3B, Vanderbilt

Even with the change up top, I'm not inclined to change anything here. Yes, it would be an interesting decision to make -- whether to take Posey, whom most people believe will be a very good everyday catcher in short order, for a bunch of money less than it would likely take to ink Alvarez. But Alvarez has the chance to be a special player and could be the Pirates' third baseman in a hurry. If things fall apart in terms of signability, there's still the option of Posey in this scenario, along with the top college pitcher in the draft, Matusz.

**Last week's projection:** Alvarez

### 3. Kansas City Royals: Eric Hosmer, 1B, American Heritage HS, Plantation, Fla.

No change here. Again, KC would love to have Alvarez in its system, but assuming the Pirates take him just one spot above, Hosmer still seems the most likely choice. Justin Smoak, the South Carolina first baseman, and Matusz still could figure into it if things on the bonus end go awry.

**Last week's projection:** Hosmer

### 4. Baltimore Orioles: Brian Matusz, LHP, University of San Diego

Don't worry, there will be some interesting changes coming in a bit. But there's been nothing to indicate the O's aren't still very much interested in the San Diego southpaw. If, in the end, they do decide to go with a bat -- and they've done that in the first round in four of the past five drafts -- it's still likely to be a college one, perhaps Smoak or University of Georgia shortstop Gordon Beckham.

**Last week's projection:** Matusz

### 5. San Francisco Giants: Buster Posey, C, Florida State

I bet you were wondering where he was going to end up, right? The Giants would probably be ecstatic to get Posey, a player they've liked for a while but thought wouldn't be there for the taking. If Tim Beckham goes No. 1, this is really the first place Posey really makes sense. It seems more and more likely the Giants will go with a bat, so if Posey for whatever reason isn't an option, they could turn to Gordon Beckham or Smoak from the college ranks. A backup plan could be Skipworth should

## Alumni are doing great in college baseball

**B**ulldog baseball alumni are doing well at the college level. Three Bulldogs are playing Division I baseball.

James Meador is having a great year at USD. The Toreros are ranked No. 7 in the nation by Collegiate Baseball and are ranked No. 11 in the USA poll. The Toreros are 35-12 overall and are 13-2 in conference action.

Meador, a sophomore, is leading the team in hitting with a .370 average. He has five home runs, 12 doubles and two triples. He has stolen four bases. Meador is hitting a torrid .438 in West Coast Conference play. He has driven in



46 runs.

Drew Muren is having an excellent freshman season at Cal-State Northridge. The Matadors are 18-22 on the season and 5-10 in the Big West.

Muren is pitching, playing outfield and being used as a designated hitter. He is batting .264 with one home run, five doubles and one

triple. He has driven in 11 runs, has pitched in eight games and has a 4.20 ERA. He is 2-4. He has played in 38 games.

Nick Vincent is following in the steps of another RHS grad, Neil Jamison, at Long Beach State. Vincent has pitched in relief in 21 games and has a stellar 1.71 ERA and a 3-0 record

with two saves.

The Dirtbags are 26-15 overall and are 8-4 in the Big West. Vincent has fanned 28 batters in 26 innings.

Chase Beatty is still a Bulldog. He is a senior at the University of Redlands. He has been the starting shortstop since his freshman season. Last season he won the West Region Gold Glove and was all SCIAC. He hit .351.

Redlands is an NCAA Division III school. The Bulldogs are 26-11 overall and are 14-4 in the SCIAC.

John Houts is playing at Concordia University in Oregon. Houts is a freshman infielder and is hitting .291 with three home runs and 15 RBI. The Cavaliers are 14-23 overall and are 8-7 in conference play.

Concordia is an NAIA school in the Cascade Collegiate Conference. The Cavaliers finished their season in the NAIA playoffs.

Mike Reynolds is a senior at Point Loma Nazarene University. PLNU is

an NAIA university in the Golden State Athletic Conference.

Reynolds is hitting .265 with six home runs and 25 RBI. Last season He led the Sea Lions in home runs and hit .325. PLNU is 35-12 overall and is 13-2 in the GSAC.

Guy Willeford is a sophomore at Palomar College. He is hitting .319 with seven doubles, three home runs and 23 RBI. He is leading the team in hitting in conference play with a .407 average.

He was honored as the Pacific Coast Conference's male athlete of the week for the week of April 6. He is a Biotech Engineering major with a 3.3 GPA, and he was a first team all conference selection in 2007 with a .349 average.

Chuck Slith is redshirt freshman catcher on the San Diego City College baseball team. SDCC does not post its stats on its Web site.

Long Beach State and USD will advance to the NCAA regional playoffs.

Redlands, Point Loma and Palomar will also see post season action.

"It is a great feeling going to see former players doing well and playing at another level," said Coach Dean Welch. "To me it is better than any win that I have experienced. Sports are supposed to prepare student/athletes for life. Getting part of an education paid for is a great preparation.

"I have been able to see some of my former athletes play college and pro ball and I am looking forward to seeing more. I am proud of all of them."

Sitting in the stands at a college or pro game and watching RHS grads play is a great experience. Once this season Drew Muren almost got to face Nick Vincent in a Big West game. What a dilemma! Who do you root for?

You can't root against either of them. They may be in different uniforms, but they are still Bulldogs.

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## E.J. 'Buzzie' Bavasi, baseball icon helped bring majors to San Diego

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E.J. "Buzzie" Bavasi, an engaging raconteur yet hard-bargaining executive, a pioneer of major league baseball on the West Coast who is credited with bringing it south to San Diego, died Thursday of natural causes.

He was 93. And a character to the end.

"All of baseball today mourns the passing of one of its giants, Buzzie Bavasi," Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday. "Buzzie was one of the game's greatest front-office executives during a period that spanned parts of six different decades. He loved the game and he loved talking about it.

"Buzzie was a wonderful friend. He always gave me good advice and had an excellent perspective on the issues of the day. I will miss our long and frequent correspondence. My sympathies go out to his family and friends."

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Evit; four sons; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be private.

One of 15 members of the Veterans Committee of voters for the Baseball Hall of Fame, Bavasi was inducted into the Padres Hall of Fame in 2001 and the San Diego Hall of Champions' Breitbard Hall of Fame in 2007.

Bavasi planted major league baseball in San Diego, serving as president of the inaugural Padres from 1969-77 and general manager until 1973. He eventually retired with the distinction of guiding all three big league teams in Southern California. He had been general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers and, after leaving the Padres, was GM of the California Angels.

"Buzzie Bavasi was a giant in the effort to bring major league baseball to the West Coast," said Herb Klein, former editor in chief of Copley Newspapers. "His efforts also were a key to the establishment of the San Diego Padres as a major league team. Bavasi worked with (late San Diego Union columnist) Jack Murphy and me to gain big-league approval for the switch from the Pacific Coast League to major league, and he later became the president of the Padres during a very difficult time. His is one of the great names in baseball."

Bavasi and his wife, who were longtime residents of San Diego's La Jolla area, were the parents of two sons (Peter and Bill) who became major league general managers, a third (Bob) who ran a minor league club for years and a fourth (Chris) who became mayor of Flagstaff, Ariz.

After replacing his father and serving as GM of the Padres from 1973-76, Peter was president of the Toronto Blue Jays from 1977-81 and later ran the Cleveland Indians. Bill, a product of University High and the University of San Diego, is GM of the Seattle Mariners after serving in that capacity with the Angels from 1994-99.

"Baseball's so different for a GM now than it was for me," Buzzie Bavasi said once. He had soured on the business end of the game after the advent of free agency and player agents. "Today, it's a money game, a banking business."

He was born Emil Joseph Bavasi in New York City on Dec. 12, 1914. Bavasi's nickname, along with his feisty personality, evokes assumptions that he was a pitcher who would put a fastball under a hitter's chin if he crowded the plate. In fact, it was about the only thing in his life that had nothing to do with baseball.

"I got it as a kid," Bavasi once explained. "I was always running around, never still for a second. My older sister, Lolly, said to me, 'You're a regular bumblebee, always buzzing around. From now on you're Buzzie.' Then the kids at school picked it up and I've been Buzzie ever since."

A catcher at DePauw University in Indiana, Bavasi graduated in 1938 and was gifted by his parents with both an automobile and a year to find something he wanted to turn into an occupation. He was nudged toward the Brooklyn Dodgers by a family friend, Larry MacPhail, then president of the National League.

Working as a business manager for several minor league clubs, Bavasi left to serve in World War II as an infantry machine-gunner for three years, returning to work with the Dodgers as a minor league executive.

Elevated to the parent club as an assistant to legendary Branch Rickey, Bavasi had a hand in breaking baseball's color barrier in 1947. Bavasi was the one charged with doing a background check on Jackie Robinson to ensure that he had the maturity and fortitude to handle the pressure and backlash of being the majors' first black player.

A year earlier, in fact, Bavasi was GM of the minor league club in Nashua, N.H., where the Dodgers had an unprecedented all-black battery of pitcher Don Newcombe and catcher Roy Campanella.

"If it weren't for Buzzie Bavasi, I'd have had nothing in baseball," Newcombe told *The Boston Globe* more than a half-century later. "Those guys from Lynn (the Boston Red Sox affiliate in Lynn, Mass.) all game were calling us (racial slurs). We had promised Mr. Rickey that we could keep our heads. We couldn't do anything, Roy and me, but Mr. Bavasi did."

As the legend goes, when the visiting team came to collect its share of the gate receipts, Bavasi challenged the Lynn manager to repeat the epithets to his face under threat of a fight. The Lynn side backed down and hit the road.

Though he never was part of ownership with the Dodgers, Bavasi was given first dibs on a National League expansion team in the late-1960s. Bavasi chose San Diego over other potential sites such as Buffalo, N.Y., Dallas, Denver and Seattle, partly because the move from Brooklyn to Los Angeles had made him a Southern California convert. Moreover, for lack of a big league team of its own, San Diego had shown tremendous support for the Dodgers.

"I doubt there'd be baseball in San Diego without Buzzie," said Roger Craig, a former Dodgers player and Padres manager. "He was the big guy, the guy with major league experience, the guy who'd done it in Brooklyn and Los Angeles. When Buzzie Bavasi talked, you listened."

Craig was among the many Dodgers personnel that Bavasi brought with him to San Diego, as were the team's first manager, Preston Gomez, and coach George "Sparky" Anderson. At no time in Bavasi's eight-year tenure, however, did the Padres ever challenge the Dodgers or anybody else in the NL West standings.

"Buzzie was a real good businessman," said Craig. "He protected the Padres' money well."

The Padres got what they paid for, too, with a team payroll less than \$1 million. To them, 100 losses was a good season.

The franchise soon began crumbling from the top. Majority owner C. Arnholt Smith, convicted of grand theft and tax evasion in the U.S. National Bank scandal that had a massive impact on San Diego in general, was forced to sell a team that didn't finish higher than sixth in its first six years. Bavasi, meantime, was selling off players to be able to pay the rest of the roster.

The Padres were said to be headed for Washington, D.C., or Seattle until McDonald's founder Ray Kroc bought out Smith in 1974. Even after the sale, the Padres were run on a frayed shoestring. Bavasi, who also had taken some financial hits personally, stuck with the club until 1977.

Brought out of retirement by the California Angels and ordered to win immediately, Bavasi went against his usual emphasis on development and traded away top prospects for big name stars such as Fred Lynn and signing free agents such as Reggie Jackson, putting the Angels in the postseason in 1979, '82 and '86.



In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Baseball Assistance Team (B.A.T.), 245 Park Avenue, New York, NY, 10167 (212 931-7822) or the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation, 9665 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 801, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 (310-385-4628, probaseballscouts.com).

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## PCSC All-Conference Honors Announced

The Toreros earned four All-Conference awards

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Kathleen Bonja, Second Team All-PCSC

PORTLAND, Ore. - The Pacific Coast Softball Conference announced its 2008 all-conference team Monday. The team was voted on by the conference's six head coaches, and coaches could not vote for their own players. The Toreros earned four all-conference honors.

"I am very proud of our All-Conference selections," said head coach Melissa McElvain. "These four individuals provided great leadership to our team this season."

Junior Lindsey Fleet earned All PCSC Second Team honors at first base along with senior teammate Kathleen Bonja for her play at third base. Fleet finished the season with the highest overall batting average of .329 to go with her 18 doubles, five homeruns, and 39 RBI. Bonja had the highest conference batting average with .338 hitting eight doubles, four homeruns, and 23 RBI.

Sophomores Carey Casciola and Jennifer Ellenbeck earned honorable mention honors for their season performance. Casciola had the second highest overall batting average with .326 hitting 12 doubles, three triples and 18 RBI. Ellenbeck finished with six doubles, six homeruns (Tied for first place this season), and 23 RBI.

Sunday night was also the team banquet and awards dinner. The MVP of the season, as voted on by the players, was sophomore Carey Casciola. Taking home Offensive Player of the Year was Lindsey Fleet. Casciola also earned the Defensive Player of the Year award. Celeste Solo earned the Rookie of the Year award for her 55 starts, nine doubles, six homeruns, and 25 RBI. And finally, the Coaches Award given to the player with a good attitude, solid day in and day out effort, and heart was given to senior Celine Pujol who finished her career hitting .300 this season, with six hits, three doubles, and five RBI.

The Toreros had a number of highlights this season, including a 6-5 victory over No. 17 ranked San Diego State on March 7 at the Diamond Devil Classic. Nine opponents USD faced this season advanced to regionals. The Toreros set a number of team overall marks including a new high of 22 homeruns and overall hits with 376 to name a couple. The Toreros were also honored by the NCAA for their Academic Progress Rating as being in the top 10 percent in the nation and one of only 29 softball teams to achieve this standard.

The off season is underway as the USD coaching staff hits the recruiting trail in preparation for their non-traditional season which begins in the fall.

### FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	Yr.
C	Jamie Schloredt	JR
1B	Jana Rae Slayton	JR

2B	Bronwyn Russell	SR
3B	J.J. Hartung	SO
SS	Amy Tompkins	SR
OF	Molly Bergeson	SR
OF	Izmena Cabrera	JR
OF	Kirsten Slouber	JR
DP	Kayla Meeks	JR
UT	Chelsie Tysdal	JR
P	Mandy Hill	SR
P	Tiffany Pagano	SR
SECOND TEAM		
Pos.	Name	Yr.
C	Darcy Pagnini	SO
1B	Timothy Fleet	JR
2B	Whitney Loomis	JR
3B	Kathleen Bonja	SR
SS	Arielle Wiser	FR
OF	Jackie Heide	JR
OF	Hilary Johnson	SR
OF	Brandi Scoggins	SO
DP	Sadie Dolcini	JR

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# Toreros Celebrate Senior Day This Afternoon Against Sacramento State

USD fell 20-3 in game one, and 9-1 in game two

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2008 Seniors celebrate their final home game

May 4, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego softball team posted a pair of losses against Sacramento State in their final doubleheader for the 2008 season. The team recorded a 21-3 loss in five innings and a 9-1 loss in six innings to the Hornets. USD moves to 13-40 on the season and 3-17 in the PCSC.

In game one, the Toreros struck first when with one out, Danielle Duhart struck a single through the left side into the outfield. Celeste Soto struck out swinging bringing up Lindsey Fleet who singled to centerfield allowing Duhart to rip around the bases and score for a 1-0 lead.

Sacramento State tied it up with a single run in the bottom half of the inning. USD went scoreless in the second and third inning while the Hornets posted seven runs in the second to take a 8-1 lead. They followed in the third inning posting eight more runs to take a 16-1 lead over San Diego.

The Toreros managed to put across two runs in the fourth inning cutting the lead to 13. Celeste Soto took base on balls. Lindsey Fleet singled through the left side and was relieved by Keely Halbock who pinch ran for Fleet. Kathleen Bonja lined out to third base holding Soto and Fleet on their bases. Nichole Valenzuela hit a key two-RBI double in

deep left field allowing Fleet and Soto to score. The inning would end with a strikeout by Coline Pujol and a pop out from Stacy Compton. Sacramento State would add four runs in the fourth inning bringing the final 20-3.

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In game two, San Diego fell behind 3-0 in the first inning. The Hornets would add a fourth run in the second inning and three more runs in the fourth inning to take a 7-0 lead over the Toreros. San Diego was able to respond on offense in the fifth inning as Bonja lead off with a single up the middle. She was out at second base on a fielder's choice by Valenzuela who was safe at first. Pujol then doubled to centerfield allowing Valenzuela to score cutting the Hornet lead to six. Stacy Compton hit a fielder's choice at the shortstop. Pujol attempted to advance to third base but would be called out on a controversial interference call which would not be overturned despite a meeting of the umpires. The inning would end with Kristen Gensler flying out to centerfield.

The game again ended early as Sacramento State had one runner on base with two outs on a ball hit deep to left field allowing both runners to score on an inside the park homerun.

The Toreros played their single toughest season participating in six tournaments, facing five top 25 programs, increased their schedule to 53 games, and beat San Diego State 6-5 at the Diamond Devil Classic. They will graduate four seniors who all were top performers in both athletics and academics. San Diego will await the announcement of the All-Conference selections which will be released within the next month.

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## Softball Drops Two Against Sacramento State Saturday

The Toreros fall 12-1 in game one and 6-3 in game two

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Nichole Valenzuela hit a key two-RBI double against Sacramento State on Saturday

May 3, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego posted a doubleheader loss Saturday afternoon against Sacramento State at the USD softball complex. The Toreros fall to 13-38 on the season and 3-15 in PCSC play.

USD and Sacramento State were knotted up 1-1 after the first inning in game one. The Toreros gave up six runs in the third inning, three runs in the fourth inning, and two runs in the fifth inning as the Hornets wrapped up game one in five innings by a score of 12-1.

The Toreros allowed two runs on the board in the top of the first inning in game two. The Hornets posted another three runs in the third inning and one run in the fourth inning to take a 6-0 lead. The Toreros went scoreless until the sixth inning when with one out Kathleen Bonja hit a long ball deep into centerfield for a single. Ellenbeck followed with a walk moving Bonja to second base. With runners in scoring position, Nichole Valenzuela hit a crucial two-RBI double to centerfield and taking an extra base to end up at third while scoring Ellenbeck and Bonja cutting the Hornets' lead to four. Stacy Compton took a hard hack at the ball flying out left field foul territory. Celine Pujol pinch hit and recorded a key single to the infield allowing Valenzuela to score from third base bringing the score to 6-3. Carey Casbiola lined out to the shortstop ending the inning. USD would not score in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Toreros return to the USD Softball Complex for their two final games of the 2008 season and will begin the day with the senior ceremony which will take place at approximately 11:35 a.m. First pitch for game one is scheduled for noon.



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## Men's Golf Wrap Up Regional Saturday Afternoon

The Toreros finished 25th overall

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Toreros Finish NCAA Regional in Washington

**BREMERTON, Wash.** - The University of San Diego men's golf team finished the NCAA West Regional in 25th place overall Saturday afternoon at the Golden Mountain Golf Club Olympic Course. Jake Yount finished team high 79th overall shooting a final round 75. The team finished with a three round total of 927.

Yount recorded three birdies and 10 pars on the day. He finished with a three round total of 229. Dale Smith and Blake Trimble both finished tied for 106th overall. Smith had six holes at par and two birdies shooting a final round 82 finishing with a three round total of 233. Trimble finished with eight holes at par and four birdies on the day shooting a final round 78 and a three round total of 233 also.

Jason Shano finished his third round with a 76 recording an eagle, a birdie, and nine shots at par. His three round total of 235 put him tied at 114th overall. Rounding out the Toreros scorecard is Damon Hall who finished 137th with a three round total of 245. Hall shot an 85 in the final round with two birdies and recording six holes at par.

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### **NCAA West Regional**

San Diego State was in 20th and USD in 25th after two rounds of the NCAA Western Regional men's golf tournament in Bremerton, Wash. The top 10 teams reach the NCAA National Championship, and with two rounds to go, the Aztecs are 11 strokes out of the No. 10 spot, the Toreros 24 strokes. SDSU's Aaron Goldberg is the top San Diego player, tied for 18th.

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# Toreros Finish Day Two at NCAA Regional

The Toreros fall to 25th place overall

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Men's golf in 25th place overall

**BREMERTON, Wash.** - The University of San Diego men's golf team dropped one spot in the NCAA West Regional golf tournament to 25th place overall after the second round of action Friday afternoon. Dale Smith shot a team low of 76 and is tied for 65th place overall.

Smith finished yesterday with a 75 bringing his two day total to 151. He had an eagle on the sixth hole, two birdies on the day, and eight pars. He is currently seven over par with his two day totals. Jake Yount is tied for 87th overall after shooting a second round 79. Yount had three birdies and eight pars bring his two day total to 154.

Blake Trimble is tied for 113th overall after shooting 80 on the day. He recorded two birdies and seven holes at par bringing his two day total to 157. Jason Shano improved on the day shooting a 78 with 12 holes at par and two birdies bringing his two day total to 169. Darin Hall rounds out the Torero scores with a second around improvement of 77 with 10 holes at par and two birdies for a two day total of 160.

The Toreros shot a team total of 310 on day two bringing their team total to 618. The Toreros wrap up the three day tournament Saturday afternoon as they are paired up with Navy and Columbia and will tee off at 12:59 pm.

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### **Aztecs in 13th**

San Diego State was tied for 13th place and USD was alone in 24th after the first round of the NCAA Western Regional men's golf tournament in Bremerton, Wash. At 14-over, the Aztecs trailed leader Oregon by 13 shots, while the Toreros were 19 strokes behind.

The top 10 teams (of 27) after four rounds advance to the NCAA National Championship.

Oregon's Joey Benedetti was the individual leader at 3-under 69 at Gold Mountain Golf Club. Aaron Goldberg (La Costa Can-

yon) was SDSU's top scorer with a 73, while Dale Smith and Jake Yount led USD with 75s.

NCAA champion Jamie Lovemark (USC and Torrey Pines) shot even-par 72 to get into a tie for eighth. USC is tied for second with UCLA and North Carolina, two behind Oregon.



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## Golf Finishes Day One In 24th Place

Toreros will return to action Sunday afternoon

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Toreros finish day one at NCAA Regional

May 15, 2008

**BREMERTON, Wash.** - The University of San Diego men's golf team is currently in 24th place after the first round of the NCAA West Regional golf tournament hosted by the Washington Huskies at Gold Mountain Golf Club Olympic Course. Junior Jake Yount is the current San Diego leader at three over par shooting a 75 after the first round.

Yount is tied for 78th overall. He had 10 pars on the day, a birdie on the 15th hole, and an eagle on the 14th hole. Teammate Dale Smith is also in the pack tied for 78th place overall shooting a 75 on the day. He recorded 13 holes at par, shooting a birdie on the fifth hole, and bogey on four of the other holes.

Blake Tremble finished five over par at 77 tied for 106th place. Tremble had three birdies (1st, 5th, and 14th) on the day. Jason Shano had nine pars on the day finishing nine over with 81. He is in sole possession of 132nd place. Damon Hall is tied for 136th place finishing with an 83.

USD shot a team score of 391 on the day. The Toreros continue round two of the Western Regional at 12:59 p.m. on Saturday afternoon paired with Oklahoma and Kansas State.



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## Junior wins San Deigo's first conference title in 10 years by playing his way

**BYLINE:** Tod Leonard

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The University of San Diego's Jake Yount doesn't care what it looks like or what anyone thinks. He just knows that it works, and he's got the recently earned West Coast Conference champion's plaque to prove it.

Yount's go-to shot when he's under pressure and the fairway looks as wide as a bowling alley happens to be one of the toughest plays in golf - the driver off the deck. He'll find a nice clump of grass or stick his tee all the way in the ground, and from there the 6-foot-4 junior takes a mighty swipe.

Far more often than not, the ball finds the short grass.

"If you're guaranteed with hitting the fairway, why mess around?" Yount said.

USD men's golf coach Tim Mickelson watched Yount use the technique most of last season, and though he understood the player's comfort with it, he also felt as if Yount was losing distance. So he delivered an ultimatum, "Come back next year hitting it off the deck, and you won't be traveling."

Mickelson laughs about that now. Yount may have qualified for tournaments this season putting his ball on the tee, but he kept sneaking in his driver off the deck in tournaments, and never did he need it more than last month in the conference championship.

On a miserable day for the final round at Chambers Bay near Tacoma, Wash., the wind was blowing 20 mph and the temperature was in the low 40s. USD needed a strong finish over the last four holes to win its first WCC title, and Yount had a shot at winning the individual title.

He hit driver off the deck over the final stretch, shot 2-over-par 74 to get into a playoff with Saint Mary's Chadd Cocco, and won on the second extra hole. The Toreros captured the team championship by four shots over Pepperdine and Saint Mary's, putting them into the NCAA West Regional on May 15-17 in Bremerton, Wash.

Yount was the first USD golfer to win the conference in 10 years, and though it was the first victory of his college career, the breakthrough didn't surprise Mickelson. As evidenced by his driving strategy, the coach said there isn't a more confident player on the team.

"It's unparalleled," Mickelson said. "His confidence is the one thing he has over everybody else on our team and 99 percent of the college players out there. If he's got a shot 270 yards into the wind over water, he's thinking he's going to hit 3-wood on the green. That type of confidence goes a long way."

Don't mistake confidence for cocky, Mickelson said. Off the course, Yount is as easygoing as anybody.

"I'm just a generally confident person," said Yount, 21, who came to USD from Danville and De La Salle High, and had a standout junior career that included being ranked among the top 50 in the country in 2004. "It's good and it's bad, because it gets you in a lot of trouble (in golf)."

# Golf Digest

## Another Side of Phil

**Mickelson drops in on Torrey Pines for some prep and shares a side of himself you won't see on television or in the newspapers**



Phil might be the guy who knows Torrey better than anybody else.

**By Tim Rosaforte**

**Photo By Harry How/Getty Images May 23, 2008**

LA JOLLA, Calif. -- At first, he was just coming from dinner. Some tee times were moved up to accommodate his travel schedule, but Phil Mickelson came early and stayed late, going from honoree at the Boys and Girls Club Celebration tournament earlier this week, to the unofficial host pro at Torrey Pines' vaunted South Course, site of the U.S. Open in three weeks.

Mickelson showed up Tuesday morning with a double-strap Callaway travel bag slung over his broad shoulders, walking every step of the 7,607-yard champion course with Paul Spengler, the executive vice president of the Pebble Beach Co., long-time friend Pete Coe, the head pro at La Jolla CC, and Coe's son, Bucky.

Mickelson's buddy Gregg Tryhus, the Scottsdale developer (Grayhawk and Whisper Rock), walked every step with them, but Phil never let him take the bag. After telling everyone at the dinner that Torrey Pines would be the toughest U.S. Open in years, he went out and shot 70 from the back tees before gathering up the family and heading to Fort Worth for the Crowne Plaza Invitational.

Seeing Mickelson in shorts, carrying his own sticks, is nothing new around Torrey Pines. Lefty has been doing that since he was playing junior golf. He was out with brother Tim before the Players in the same gear and came back with a scouting report and take on the Golf Digest U.S. Open Challenge. Tim, the coach at the University of San Diego, is actually longer than Phil, who drove one 357 yards on Thursday at Colonial during an opening round 65.

"Phil has enjoyed carrying his own bag since his junior golf days," Coe said. "He just feels more connected to the course and it allows him to play at his own pace. I feel if the USGA would let him, he would pack his own bag for the Open and probably imagine he was playing in another Junior World."

Spengler, who organizes the annual Boys and Girls Club event along with golf course architect Tom Fazio, and their friends Davis Sezna, Peter Morse, Jerry Kling and Hollis Cavner, asked Mickelson at this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, if he would come by for a dinner in his honor. Two years ago, the Harmon brothers were honored at Winged Foot. Phil looked at his schedule and it fit. He arrived early, mingled during the cocktail hour, and was in no hurry to leave.

Hosting the dinner was New York Times best-selling author Jim Nantz, who said during the introductions he had a vision of a Mickelson victory. Afterward, they sat on a stage and conducted a question and answer session that lasted almost an hour. Phil was open, self-deprecating, teasing, funny. At one point, radio host Rush Limbaugh stood up and asked an impassioned question about Tiger Woods, but Phil gave it the full dodge, as any good politician would.

Phil made new friends that night, East Coast guys who were never around him before, who just read and heard about this Left Coast character and never knew what to think. When he showed up the next day, hanging around the putting green before teeing off without hitting balls, it sealed the relationship. Over \$1.2 million was raised for the Boys and Girls Clubs, and the course was shut down right after the event Tuesday, giving officials almost three weeks to prepare for the championship.

There was only one roar loud enough to be heard as 18 groups got around the Open venue in 4:30. That was when Coe rolled in a curling six-footer at 18 to shoot 89. He and Mickelson had a \$50 bet that the club pro wouldn't break 90 from the tips. Phil also lost \$10 when Coe's son, Bucky, who played for Tim Mickelson at USD, shot 78.

"We broke even on the day because we had another bet of the same amount with him giving me a stroke a hole," Coe said. "For Bucky and I, breaking 80 and 90 from where we played the course was a moral victory."

May 13, 2008

**MATCH POINT | SPOTLIGHT ON TENNIS**

# More than ever, injuries are a part of the game

By **Jerry Magee**  
STAFF WRITER

Tennis too often is dismissed as pantywaist stuff. Not for men, in the popular perception. Meantime, men and women bearing rackets are dropping like, well, like men and women.

In Rome last weekend, neither of the scheduled men's semifinals in an ATP Masters Series event went the distance. First, Andy Roddick had to retire from a match against Stanislaus Wawrinka with what a tour spokesman yesterday said were spasms in his "left back." That should not be confused with his right back. Roddick's withdrawal was followed by that of Radek Stepanek, who stepped away from a match against Novak Djokovic (the tournament winner) because of exhaustion.

Said San Diego teaching professional Ben Press: "I'm surprised Roddick has lasted this long. He has a terrible service motion; he doesn't spread his feet enough. He just has great arm strength."

Press long has held that the torque to which the arm is exposed in hitting western forehands is leading to an unprecedented number of injuries. Studies support his contention, according to Press. They show, he said, that tennis players are suffering more injuries now than ever before.

"It's an explosive game, the way it

is being played," Press said. "I don't care how good the diet is or how good the training is, the body is going to take only so much punishment. All the current players are going to be very rich and have very short careers."

The WTA Tour has trimmed its schedule as a means of limiting injuries. For the same reason, the ATP Tour is preparing to streamline its 2009 schedule. Roddick has pulled out of this week's ATP event in Hamburg, but he is expected to be fit for the French Open, beginning May 25.

## Tennis facility planned

San Elijo Hills, an upscale enclave of about 3,500 homes east of La Costa, would become the site of a tennis club and sports training facility if Andy Farmer's plans are realized.

Farmer, 42, a former touring pro and currently director of the West Coast Tennis Academy, said he has purchased land and gained a conditional use permit from the city of San Marcos for his project. Plans call for a pool, seven courts and for what he said would be a training facility meant for high-level athletes.

"Training is hard," Farmer said. "Kids get to a certain level and they say, 'Let me try something else.' It comes down to work ethic. That's what I'm trying to change. I call it commitment."

Farmer has been operating his West Coast Tennis Academy at the Bobby Riggs Tennis Club in Encinitas and at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside.

For seven years, Farmer was an instructor at the Harry Hopman International Tennis Academy in Flori-

da, now known as Saddlebrook.

## Grossmont women prevail

Grossmont College's women's team is the state community college champion for the fourth time in Megan Haber's nine years as coach and for the 11th time overall.

A 5-3 victory over Chabot Community College at El Dorado State Park in Long Beach delivered the championship to Grossmont, whose No. 2 doubles team, Joanna Moya and Danielle Bryan, scored the decisive point. Chabot was the Northern California community college champion.

## A recruiting prize

According to rivals.com, Coco Vandeweghe is the nation's No. 1 women's college tennis recruit. But while she said she intends to attend college, the Rancho Santa Fe resident, 16, is not saying when.

Coco is talking as if her preference is to test herself on the WTA Tour before entering college. Her next appearance: at a \$50,000 US-TA Pro Circuit event beginning May 26 at Carson. She also plans to compete at Wimbledon and at the U.S. Open.

## Her ranking is rising

Alexandra Stevenson's drive to re-establish herself as a professional of consequence is continuing. After elevating her WTA Tour ranking more than 150 places since 2007 to No. 240, Stevenson is playing this week at a \$25,000 event in Raleigh, N.C. Amber Liu, Stanford's former NCAA titlist from La Mesa, also is playing at Ra-

leigh.

## 'The Latino Legend'

The multicultural committee of the San Diego District Tennis Association is offering a viewing of a documentary, "Pancho Gonzalez: the Latino Legend," at 5 p.m. Friday at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park.

Activities are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Refreshments, a raffle and a tour of the hall are included.

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A "Tennis Fest" at the Balboa Tennis Club attracted from 900 to 1,000 persons, by the count of Colleen Farrell, the club's manager. The clinics and other aspects of the event were interrupted long enough for Press to present the Ben Press Award to Gretchen Magers for her contributions to tennis in San Diego.

Magers is the fourth winner of the award. The first was Press himself. William J. Kellogg, Kathy Willette and now Magers also have been honored. Said Press: "It's nice to have something named for you when you're still alive."

## USD player invited

Thomas Liversage, a USD player from Johannesburg, South Africa, is among 64 players selected to form the field for the NCAA Division I men's individual championships, scheduled May 21-26 at Tulsa. Liversage, ranked No. 51 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, had a 24-12 record for the Toreros. In dual meets, he was 15-8.

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### NCAA tennis update: Baylor's Lukacs, Poerschke advance

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Baylor sophomores Denes Lukacs and Lenka Broosova wasted no time in getting through the first round of the NCAA singles tournament today at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Broosova breezed through her opening-round match against Arizona State's Nadia Abdala in just 51 minutes, reeling off 12 games in a row in a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

And then Lukacs got off the court in right at an hour with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Adam Holmstrom from the University of Denver.

Senior all-American Lars Poerschke had much more of a struggle against Dean Jackson, an alternate from the University of San Diego who was just placed in the draw on Tuesday.

But Poerschke rallied from an 0-2 deficit in the third set to beat Jackson, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, in a match that lasted longer than Broosova's and Lukacs' combined.

Freshman Taylor Ormond and senior Zuzana Zemenova will try to give Baylor a 5-for-5 sweep later today. Zemenova, the 2005 NCAA singles champion and three-time all-American, has a tough draw against fifth-seeded Marina Cossou of Cal.

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**Coco Vandeweghe** of Rancho Santa Fe, among eight players selected by the USTA to compete at Boca Raton, Fla., for a wild card into the main draw of the French Open, lost a second match yesterday, falling to **Madison Brengle** 6-4, 6-2. In her opening test in the two-group, round-robin competition, Vandeweghe, 17, was beaten by **Alexa Glatch** 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

- USD senior **Thomas Liversage** was selected to compete in the 2008 NCAA Division I men's individual tennis championships May 21-26 in Tulsa, Okla. The Toreros' **Dean Jackson**, West Coast Conference Freshman of the Year, was named an alternate.

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# SDSU Women's Tennis Hosts USD in Regular-Season Finale on Tuesday

Aztecs to honor two seniors before 4 p.m. PT dual match

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Senior Sisse Nielsen will play in her final match at the Aztec Tennis Center on Tuesday afternoon.

April 14, 2008

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Coming off a 3-0 showing in its final Mountain West Conference weekend, the San Diego State women's tennis team (10-12) will close out its regular-season schedule by hosting the University of San Diego in a 4 p.m. (PDT) showdown on Tuesday, April 15. SDSU will honor its two seniors, Eliska Krausova and Sisse Nielsen, in their final match at the Aztec Tennis Center.

Krausova has racked up 14 overall singles wins during her senior campaign, placing her fifth in the Aztec record book with 69 career victories. The Prague, Czech Republic, native has had at least 15 triumphs in each of her first three years on The Mesa, including a team-leading 21 wins last season, which earned her all-MWC honors. Krausova is also tied for 10th on the all-time charts with a career winning percentage of .595. The 2007 MWC all-academic selection will be graduating with a degree in journalism and media studies.

Nielsen has recorded 16 singles wins this year and is currently riding a four-match winning streak. Her best season came during her sophomore campaign in which she led the team with 20 singles wins, while also amassing 23 doubles victories, which ranks

fourth on the single-season charts. That year, the Allerod, Denmark, native teamed with former Aztec Dina Hauerlandova to achieve a No. 31 ranking in the final ITA doubles poll with a 19-11 overall record. The duo also earned all-conference recognition for their efforts. Nielsen is currently tied for 10th in the SDSU record book with 62 career doubles victories. The three-time MWC all-academic selection will be graduating with a degree in business management.

Last weekend the Aztecs closed out their regular-season conference slate with a trio of 7-0 victories over Air Force, Wyoming and Colorado State at the Aztec Tennis Center. Junior Holly Bagehaw won all three of her singles matches in straight sets at No. 1, while classmate Esther Gadua went 6-0 on the weekend with three singles and three doubles victories. Krausova, Nielsen, junior Milana Yusupov and freshman Julia Trunk all went 5-1 as the Aztecs only dropped two doubles matches all weekend.

USD (5-12) will be returning to the courts after a 16-day layoff and was last in action when it split a pair of matches in late March. The Toreros opened the week with a 6-1 loss at No. 10 USC (March 25), with Alexandra Demidova producing San Diego's lone point by recording a 6-4, 1-6, 10-6 upset over No. 102 Maria Sanchez. USD then rebounded with a 4-3 victory at Loyola Marymount on March 29. Tammy Kevey clinched the win for the Toreros at No. 5 singles. Leading the way for San Diego has been Helene Lindstrand, who has a team-best nine dual-match wins.

SDSU has been stellar in matches on The Mesa this year, boasting a 9-2 mark at the Aztec Tennis Center. Since the opening of the ATC in 2005, SDSU has won 71 percent of its home matches with a 34-14 record. All 14 defeats have come at the hands of teams ranked in the top 60.

Up next for the San Diego State women's tennis team will be the Mountain West Conference Championships, April 23-26, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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# Women's Soccer Recruiting Class Ranked 20th Best in the Nation

Soccerbuzz.com has ranked USD as the 20th best recruiting class in the nation.

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Toreros have the 20th best recruiting class in the nation according to Soccerbuzz.com.

May 28, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - Soccerbuzz.com has ranked the incoming 2008 University of San Diego women's soccer recruiting class 20th best in the nation.

Signing National Letters of Intent with the Toreros are Stephanie Ochs (San Diego, CA/Patrick Henry HS), Danielle Russell (Long Beach, CA/Wilson HS), Maggie McGuire (Anchorage, AL/West Anchorage HS), Courtney Parsons (Rohnert Park, CA/Ursuline HS), Natalie Garcia (Escondido, CA/San Pasqual HS), Alexis Doel (Ladera Ranch, CA/Aisa Niguel HS) and Elissa Magracia (Chula Vista, CA/Bonia Vista HS). Also joining the Toreros will be Jacqueline Zinke, a transfer from the University of Arizona.

With this incoming recruiting class, as well as the return of All-WCC performers, Amy Epstein, Brittainy Cameron and Natalie Vinti, the Toreros are gearing up for another run at the West Coast Conference championship and a return to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season.

This past season, head coach Ada Greenwood guided the Toreros to a program-best 15-3-3 overall record, a 5-1-1 mark in the WCC, good for a second place finish, and a top-10 ranking for the first time in program history. The Toreros posted wins over No. 5 Santa Clara and No. 19 Wake Forest as well as battling to a tie with No. 8 UCLA.

The Toreros women's soccer program has advanced to the NCAA tournament in seven of the past nine seasons and has reached the second round of the tournament three times (1996, 1999 and 2004). USD has also put together winning campaigns in the last 10 consecutive seasons with an impressive combined record of 120-69-11.

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### P.J. Woolridge Added to Torero Women's Soccer Coaching Staff

P.J. Woolridge comes to USD after five seasons at Cal Poly.

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May 8, 2008

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego head women's soccer coach Ada Greenwood has announced the addition of P.J. Woolridge to the Torero coaching staff.

"We are very excited with the addition of PJ to our program. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, and we look forward to the future with PJ and the Toreros' women's soccer program," stated Greenwood.

Woolridge comes to the Toreros after serving as an assistant coach at Cal Poly for the past eight seasons. While at Cal Poly, Woolridge helped the team win the Big West championship four consecutive seasons (2000, 01, 02, 03), and helped guide the Mustangs to five appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Woolridge was no stranger to Cal Poly soccer as he was a four-year starter for the Mustangs' men's team from 1995-98. Playing the majority of his games at sweeper, Woolridge helped lead Cal Poly to the Division I men's soccer playoffs in his first year in 1995 and earned All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation first-team honors in 1996 and 1998.

Woolridge still holds school records at Cal Poly for career matches played (72), career matches started (72) and game-winning goals in a season (four in 1995). He graduated from Cal Poly in 2000 with a degree in psychology.

The San Jose native is a 1995 graduate of Leland High School in San Jose. Woolridge lettered four times in soccer as a midfielder and forward, serving as team captain two seasons. His four teams posted a combined 70-15-5 record and Woolridge was named All-City four times and All-Santa Clara County twice as he scored 55 goals and 68 assists in his prep career. He also was a two-time High School All-American (1994, 1995) and played on the Youth National Team in 1991 and 1993.

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## Toreros' soccer duo ready to hit the beach

By Glae Thien

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

OCEANSIDE — After their recent involvement for the first time with the Mexican national women's team, USD soccer players Jackie Garcia and Natalie Vinti are ready for a day at the beach.

With a soccer ball for play on the sand, that is.

The two Toreros are to debut in this version of the game at the second annual Southern California Beach Soccer Championships for youths and adults at Harbor Beach today and tomorrow.

There will be a field of 230 teams, up from 153 a year ago. The event will include the introduction of the professional Western Regionals.

Garcia and Vinti are entered as new members of the SD United club, which is using this tournament to bring together players before the start of training for its summer schedule in the Women's Premier Soccer League.

"I know it's a lot harder to run in the sand than just a normal, grass playing field," said Vinti, a defender, who will be a junior at USD in the fall. "So fitness level is going to have something to do with it. It's going to be a learning experience, and I want to have fun with it, too."

Besides soccer, it's a good excuse to enjoy the sun and sand.

"Definitely," Garcia said. "I don't get to the beach as much as I'd like."

While others may have been

at the beach for spring break, both USD players trained with the Mexican national team shortly after receiving invitations that resulted from low-key tryouts in February.

Vinti ended up starting all four games as a defender in the CONCACAF women's qualifying tournament in Juarez in early April.

"I was like, 'Wow, I loved every minute of it,'" said Vinti, who attended Cathedral Catholic High. "Being a new player, not practicing with them that much, I didn't think I would start. But I wasn't going to say no."

Mexico placed third in the tournament and did not advance. In a showdown against the United States, Mexico lost 3-1 before a sellout crowd of 22,280 at Estadio Olimpico Benito Juarez.

"It was all like nothing I'd ever experienced," said Vinti, who helped USD post 11 shutouts with a school-best 15-3-3 record last season. "It was a great opportunity to play with Mexico and play against the U.S. and other high-level teams."

Garcia, a defender approaching her senior season, didn't make the final roster but participated in training as a member of the national pool.

"I came back a lot more confident," said Garcia, who is from Hemet. "I just learned more about playing at a higher level. It was definitely a positive experience."

Vinti and Garcia qualified for the team because each has a parent born in Mexico.



Jackie Garcia Natalie Vinti

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEACH SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

**When:** Today and tomorrow, games 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Pro finals, 1 p.m. tomorrow.

**Where:** Harbor Beach, Oceanside

**Who:** 230 teams, up from 153 last year

**Ages:** Youths 7-19 and adults; 75 percent of players are ages 14 and under; 60 percent of youths are girls.

**Notable:** Tom Dooley and John O'Brien, formerly of the U.S. men's team; and Shannon MacMillan and Joy Fawcett, formerly of the women's national team.

**Pro Division:** New this year is the pro division, with six teams and a purse of about \$10,000. Pro All-Stars will be selected to play in national championships in Virginia Beach, Va., June 6-8.

**Format:** Five players per side, except six per side for ages 10 and under.

**Admission:** Free.

— GLAE THIEN

Mexican national goalkeeper Sophia Perez, a San Diego State grad, also is to play in the beach tournament, as a representative of SD United.

Tournament organizers note that beach soccer places a premium on passing, since dribbling the ball is more difficult in the sand. There are five players per side except for teams with players ages 10 and under, which have six per side.

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## USD Basketball and San Diego Hall of Champions Celebrate 2007-08 Season

Sports at Lunch slated for June 11th

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**May 28, 2008**  
The Hall of Champions and University of San Diego will celebrate the 2007-08 men's and women's basketball seasons with Sports at Lunch on Wednesday, June 11 at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. USD alumnus Eric Musselman, an NBA head coach with the Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings, will speak with USD men's coach Bill Grier and USD women's coach Cindy Fisher. Andy Masur, the USD play-by-play man and Padres radio broadcaster, will serve as moderator for the event.

As a special feature, Jared Dudley, a Horizon High alumnus with the Charlotte Bobcats, will speak about his NBA rookie season. Dudley was honored as a 2007 Amateur Star of the Year by the Hall of Champions for his senior season at Boston College when he was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year. But because Dudley was playing his season with the Bobcats, he was unable to receive his award at the 62nd annual Viejas Salute to the Champions dinner on March 4 at the Town and Country Hotel. Dudley will be presented with his award at lunch and speak about his rookie season as the Bobcats' first-round draft pick.

Musselman is among the USD fraternity of NBA head coaches along with Cleveland Cavaliers head coach Mike Brown and former Charlotte head coach Bernie Bickerstaff, who is still with the franchise's front office. Musselman played on the Toreros' 1986-87 team that won the West Coast Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. He will talk about USD basketball then and now and the NBA playoffs.

Grier and Fisher will talk about their WCC Tournament championships and trips to the NCAA Tournament and what they see in the future for USD basketball. In addition, the Hall of Champions will unveil a new display featuring USD basketball. USD guard Brandon Johnson, the WCC men's tournament MVP, and USD point guard Amanda Rego, the WCC women's tournament MVP, will donate jerseys from their season to the HOC.



Eric Musselman will also present USD student-athletes with their star of the month awards from this past season - Amanda Rego, Amber Sprague and Sam Chibi from the women's team, and Rob Jones, De'Jon Jackson, Gyro Pomare and Brandon Johnson from the men's team.

There will be a question-and-answer period that follows lunch and the talk by the coaches.

**WHAT:** Sports at Lunch with former NBA head coach Eric Musselman, a USD alumnus, and USD men's coach Bill Grier and USD women's coach Cindy Fisher.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check-in begins at 11:15 a.m. and program at noon.

**WHERE:** Center Court at the Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza in Balboa Park.

**RESERVATIONS:** Admission is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Call the Events Department at 619-699-2309.

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### **USD-UConn rematch?**

A USD-Connecticut men's basketball rematch is possible in November when the Toreros and Huskies take part in the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

But it will take some winning on the part of both teams.

Recently announced brackets for the eight-team event, scheduled Nov. 21-24, have USD facing Valparaiso on Nov. 21 in the first game of the lower half of the bracket. The USD-Valparaiso winner faces the winner of Iona-Wisconsin in a semifinal on Nov. 23. That winner advances to take on the survivor from an upper bracket that includes Southern Mississippi, Miami, La Salle and UConn in the final on Nov. 24.

All eight teams are guaranteed three games in the event, which will be staged at University of the Virgin Islands.

USD notched the first NCAA Tournament victory by a San Diego Division I school when it stunned two-time national champion UConn 70-69 in overtime March 21 in an opening-round game in Tampa, Fla.

— HANK WESCH

May 1, 2008

# Toreros land Cavers guard

**By Steve Brand**  
STAFF WRITER

When Patrick McCollom moved to San Diego from Washington state with his grandparents, he didn't know what to expect.

As the 6-foot-3 point guard helped San Diego High to its first section basketball title since 1975, McCollom quickly became impressed with the attention he received from new USD coach Bill Grier.

So impressed that yesterday McCollom signed a national letter of intent to join the Toreros program.

"I knew about USD and San Diego State when I moved here, but I



**Patrick  
McCollom**

hadn't given any thought to going there," said McCollom, 18, who averaged 17.7 points during his one season with the Cavers. "I was really impressed when Coach Grier started coming to a lot of my games. USD has everything I want academically."

McCollom said he had pretty much made up his mind by the time the Toreros, who do not lose a starter, won the West Coast Conference title and beat Connecticut in an NCAA Tournament game.

By then, he was sold on the program and the campus.

"This program is going to do something amazing and I want to be part of that," McCollom said. "I like a challenge, so my plan is to compete for a starting spot."

That will be tough since he will be going against incumbent Brandon Johnson, who averaged 16.9 points and was named an honorable mention All-American by CollegeHoops.net.

Even Grier expects immediate production from McCollom.

"He's that level, he's that good," Grier said. "He'll give us depth on the perimeter and we like his unselfishness. I'd seen Patrick when he was in Tacoma, but he was more of a scorer then."

"Give (San Diego High) coach (Kenny) Roy and his staff credit. He is a much more complete player now. He was our No. 1 guard recruit this spring."

Roy said McCollom's decision to stay local is a good sign.

"This is a validation of San Diego basketball," said Roy. "We've had a lot of good players recently and I think people are starting to notice. Just think what kind of a team we could have if guys like Chase Budinger, Jamelle Horne, Jeff Withery, Jaydee Luster and Kenton Walker had stayed home."

"We are very excited here for Patrick because this seems like a very good fit. The thing I liked was coaches were saying Patrick had improved and was doing a lot of positive things he hadn't done when he was in Washington."

Although, McCollom didn't match the scoring numbers he put up while in Washington, he melded with 6-11 sophomore center Jeremy Tyler to give the Cavers an overpowering inside-outside game.

McCollom's ball-handling skills and ability to drive the basket, play sound defense and distribute the ball to teammates earned him All-San Diego Section honors.

Other schools showing interest in McCollom were Kentucky, Purdue, Arizona State, Washington State and Connecticut.

## Sadler hires San Diego assistant

BY BRIAN ROSENTHAL / Lincoln Journal Star  
Thursday, May 29, 2008 - 07:15:07 pm CDT

Nebraska men's basketball coach Doc Sadler announced Thursday he's hired San Diego assistant Walter Roese to be an assistant coach with the Huskers.

The 41-year-old Roese (pronounced row-EESE) comes to Nebraska with international and junior college recruiting connections. A native of Novo Hamburgo in southern Brazil, Roese is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Roese spent two years as an assistant at BYU before accepting a promotion at San Diego, where he spent last season. The Toreros went 22-14, won the West Coast Conference Tournament and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

At BYU, Roese was the Cougars' director of basketball operations for two seasons before being promoted to assistant coach in 2005, making him the first Brazilian full-time assistant coach in NCAA Division I men's basketball. BYU finished 25-9 in 2006-07.

Roese was responsible for bringing four Brazilian players to BYU, including junior college transfer Rafeal Araujo, the No. 8 pick of the 2004 NBA Draft, and Jonathan Tavernari, voted the Mountain West Conference freshman of the year in 2006-07.

San Diego, meanwhile, recently signed Roberta Mafra, a 6-foot-9, 240-pound power forward from Recife, Brazil. Mafra played at Southeastern (Iowa) Community College.

Roese coached the Brazilian Junior National Team, which qualified for the 2007 World Cup, and was head coach for Brazil's team for the World University Games in Thailand. He's represented the Brazilian National Team and professional clubs at four World Cup tournaments and international championships in Europe, Asia, South America and North America.

In 1987, Roese signed to play at Texas but backed out, and two years later began his playing career at Houston. He also played at West Texas A&M (Division II) and BYU-Hawaii (NAIA), where he earned a degree in international business administration in 1994. He played seven years professionally in Brazil and Italy before earning his MBA from BYU in 2003.

Six members of Roese's family have participated at the Olympic level in basketball, volleyball and tennis.

Roese replaces Tony Benford, who left Nebraska for an assistant coaching position at Marquette.

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## Grier aide exits USD for job at Nebraska

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

Walter Roese, an assistant coach who made solid contributions to USD's men's basketball success last season



**Walter Roese**

and recruiting for next season, has left for a similar position at Nebraska.

Toreros head coach Bill Grier said Roese's decision was finalized within the last two weeks and the search for a replacement would probably last through the middle of next month.

"It's very disappointing to lose him because he was such a big part of the staff, but I know he'll do well wherever he goes," Grier said. "If it's the best thing for him and his family, I wish him nothing but the best."

Roese, a native of Brazil, was a graduate of BYU-Hawaii with a master's degree from BYU and had served as a Cougars assistant for two years — becoming the first Brazilian full-time assistant in Division I men's basketball — before

joining Grier's staff last season.

Grier's first season as a head coach after 16 years as an assistant at Gonzaga produced a 22-14 record, a West Coast Conference Tournament championship and the first NCAA Tournament victory for a San Diego Division I school, 70-69 in overtime over Connecticut.

Roese, who is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese, was also the primary contact for two native Brazilians, forwards Luciano de Souza (6-7, 200) and Roberta Mafra (6-9, 240), who are transferring to USD from U.S. community colleges for their junior seasons starting next fall.

Grier said he has been assured by both players that Roese's departure will not affect their commitments to USD.

With NCAA rules making the period between now and July 6 a "down" time regarding recruiting activities, Grier said there's no imminent need to find Roese's replacement. He is interviewing prospects and said he hopes to make a decision by mid-June.

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## San Diego assistant joins Huskers' staff

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### Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- Assistant coach Walter Roese is leaving San Diego to join the staff at Nebraska, Cornhuskers coach Doc Sadler announced Thursday.

Roese replaces Tony Benford, who accepted an assistant's job at Marquette.

Sadler said he plans to tap into Roese's connections in the international basketball community. Sadler has signed players from China and Germany in his two seasons at Nebraska.

"I think people understand that our goal is to get to the level to compete for a Big 12 championship, and to do that, we will start recruiting at home, but we can't be afraid to go somewhere else and get players who can help us," Sadler said.

Roese, a native of Brazil, is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese. He coached the Brazilian Junior National team and the Brazilian squad for the 2007 World University Games.

He coached two years at Brigham Young before Bill Grier hired him at San Diego. In his one season under Grier, the Toreros won the West Coast Conference title and made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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# USD Toreros Announce 2008 Football Schedule

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John Matthews

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The USD football team, coming off a 9-2 season and Pioneer Football League title under first year head coach Ron Caragher, will play seven of their eleven game schedule in the friendly confines of Torero Stadium. USD will kickoff its season with a rare Friday night contest on August 29th against the Marist Red foxes at 7:00 pm. USD, which was a perfect 5-0 at Torero Stadium last year, will be putting their 24-game home winning streak on the line. The Toreros will follow-up with another non-conference home contest against Azusa Pacific University on Saturday, September 6th (6 pm).

Following the first of two bye weeks on September 13th, the Toreros will begin Pioneer Football League play with back-to-back road trips to Campbell University (first year PFL member) on Sept. 20th in Bules Creek, North Carolina, followed by a trip to Des Moines, Iowa on September 27th to take on the Drake Bulldogs.

The month of October will kickoff with USD's annual homecoming game on the 4th against Valparaiso University (2 pm), with the Morehead State Eagles coming to San Diego a week later on the 11th (6 pm). Following their second bye, San Diego will close out the month of October at Jacksonville on the 25th. November will see the Toreros play three of their final four regular-season games at Torero Stadium - Dayton (Nov. 1st, 6

pm), Butler (Nov. 15th, 6 pm) and UC Davis (Nov. 22nd, 6 pm) all come to town. The lone road game will be at Davidson on the 8th.

The Toreros will begin camp on August 4th. Approximately 45 players and 15 starters return from last year's club. For information on tickets, go to [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com) or call 619.260.7550.

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- Fri., Aug. 29th vs. Marist (7 pm)
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  - Sat., Sept. 13th - Bye
  - Sat., Sept. 20th @ Campbell\* (1 pm)
  - Sat., Sept. 27th @ Drake\* (1 pm) Sat., Oct. 4th vs. Valparaiso\* (2 pm, homecoming)
  - Sat., Oct. 11th vs. Morehead State\* (6 pm)
  - Sat., Oct. 18th - Bye
  - Sat., Oct. 25th @ Jacksonville\* (1 pm)
  - Sat., Nov. 1st vs. Dayton\* (6 pm)
  - Sat., Nov. 8th @ Davidson\* (1 pm)
  - Sat., Nov. 15th vs. Butler\* (6 pm)
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**CHARGERS REPORT**

# USD's Bakhtiari made good first impression

**By Kevin Acee  
and Mick McGrane**  
STAFF WRITERS

Chargers General Manager A.J. Smith went to USD's game against Drake in October to observe celebrated Toreros quarterback Josh Johnson.

Smith found himself fascinated by what he saw when USD's defense was on the field as well. He couldn't take his eyes off outside linebacker Eric Bakhtiari.

"Total domination," Smith said. "I couldn't wait for the ball to be snapped so I could see what he'd do. It was just the passion and production."

Bakhtiari was signed this past week as a free agent. His chances of making the team are miniscule. The Chargers are loaded at linebacker. But

he could be on the practice squad, and he will likely find work as a player somewhere.

As a senior last year, Bakhtiari led the nation in sacks with 20 to earn first-team All-America honors in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) category. He was twice named the Pioneer Football League's Defender of the Year.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Bakhtiari said. "I have a smile on my face every day. It's not only about living the dream of being able to be part of an NFL team, but also to be able to do it here in San Diego, where I played college ball. It just blows my mind.

"To be part of such a talented group of linebackers is incredible. I don't want to leave here, but whatever happens,

I'll be able to say that I learned from the best. I'll be able to add those tools to my own repertoire in becoming the best player that I can be."

# COMMENTARY

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## Roads Less Traveled Can Lead to NFL

By Tom Shanahan

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008** | Eric Bakhtiari, a Chargers' undrafted free agent, finally caught up with Antoine Cason, the Bolts' first-round draft pick.

It was last weekend at the Chargers' mini-camp, although meeting Cason or any other Pac-10 player wasn't Bakhtiari's goal when he backed out on plans to enroll at Arizona as a plain, old student and instead play non-scholarship football as a walk-on candidate at the University of San Diego.

Hey, you never know where NFL players come from, and look no further than the story lines of how Bakhtiari and Cason arrived at the same NFL mini-camp dressed in the blue practice jerseys of the Chargers' defense for examples.

By now, every Chargers fan knows about Cason. The Arizona cornerback was a first-round draft pick after winning the 2007 Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

Bakhtiari, a defensive end at USD who is converting to outside linebacker, ended up playing college football by accident. On spring break, he visited USD's campus on a lark with a friend who was planning to attend the school.

That's when he got the bug to try to walk-on at USD instead of attending Arizona, although he arrived at USD an unknown to the coaches as a 200-pound defensive end from Burlingame High in the Bay Area.

"It's funny how things work out," Bakhtiari said after Sunday's final mini-camp workout. "It just goes to show you it's not where you start that matters, it's where you finish. Hopefully I've still got a career ahead of me. I've got a lot of work to do."

So far Cason and Bakhtiari haven't had time to do much more than exchange greetings in the whirlwind of events since the draft and free agent signings that led to their mini-camp reservations.

But when told a little about Bakhtiari's background, Cason smiled. He's an Arizona alumnus, so how could he not like the story of a guy who wanted to attend his alma mater?

"That's pretty crazy," he said. "If he would have come to Arizona, he would have had fun playing for us. If he's here (with the Chargers), then I know he would have been a good player at Arizona, too."

Actually, Bakhtiari says he wouldn't have developed into the NFL prospect he is today if he had tried to walk on at Arizona or another scholarship program. At USD, a Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) school, he had time to learn the game

and mature physically.

"I didn't play very much in high school," Bakhtiari said. "Going to USD gave me time to catch up and learn the position."

Bakhtiari is now a 6-foot-3, 253-pounder. He redshirted in 2003, his first year on campus, and grew to 210, 225, 235 and 255, racking up impressive numbers and honors for the Toreros.

He was an All-American on the FCS team that is made up almost entirely of scholarship school athletes. He set an NCAA record for FCS schools as a senior with 19.5 sacks.

He was not only a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award that goes to the nation's top FCS defensive player, he was the first player from a non-Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) school to be a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award, which goes to the nation's top defensive end.

Cason says he can appreciate the story of a player who overcame not being recruited or drafted. As one of the top recruits in the west out of Los Alamitos High, he saw plenty of examples of top recruits who failed to develop or reach their potential in college.

"There's always a story of a guy who walks on, works his butt off and earns an opportunity at the NFL," Cason said. "That's always amazing to see guys do that."

If you look at Arizona's roster, you could say for every Eric Bakhtiari there are a dozen or more college scholarship athletes who didn't make it to the NFL.

Do the math: Colleges can sign up to 25 players to a scholarship class. Cason was one of four players drafted out of Arizona, but according to Arizona's Sports Information Department, no other Wildcats player signed as an undrafted free agent.

A big-name school like Alabama didn't have any players drafted. Bakhtiari's longshot at making the Chargers' roster or earning a place on the practice squad at the very least allows him time to put off joining the real world like other college graduates. In fact, he's ahead of some of Cason's scholarship teammates who finished their eligibility without a chance at the NFL.

"I don't care about not being drafted," Bakhtiari said. "I'm just really happy the Chargers called and signed me."

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### **USD football**

USD's football team, coming off a 9-2 season and Pioneer Football League title under first-year coach Ron Caragher, will play seven of its 11 games at home this fall.

The season opener is Aug. 29 against **Marist** at Torero Stadium.

USD starts PFL play Sept. 20 at **Campbell University** in North Carolina.

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### **QB has a lot to learn**

**Tampa Bay's fifth-round pick Josh Johnson hopes to play well enough to earn a roster spot**

**TAMPA** Josh Johnson will have a view from the bottom of the Tampa Bay Bucs quarterback depth chart for the next few years.

But for three days ending Sunday, the rookie fifth-round draft choice was at the top.

The former record-setting Division 1-AA University of San Diego standout was No. 1 on the two-man depth chart ahead of Nebraska tryout QB Sam Keller at the team's weekend rookie mini-camp, where head coach Jon Gruden got the first live glimpse of his next quarterback project.

Johnson is the latest handpicked quarterback that Gruden hopes to get NFL ready.

"It's going to be a work in progress, but you see athletic ability," Gruden said. "We've got a long way to go. That's about the best way I can sum it up. But work will get done, and it will take some time."

Johnson is in line to be the successor of two former Gruden projects, Bruce Gradkowski and Chris Simms, the latter a draft pick of Bucs former general manager Rich McKay.

Gradkowski, the third-year former sixth-round draft pick, is behind Jeff Garcia, Luke McCown and Brian Griese, for now. Same with Simms, whom the team is reportedly looking to trade. Gruden seems to have lost patience with Simms, not sure if he will ever return to full strength after being out nearly two years following a splenectomy.

Either Simms or Gradkowski will likely be disposed of by July, because of the team's stated intention to take only five of its seven quarterbacks to training camp, which starts July 25 at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando.

Both of them would probably be gone, if Jake Plummer decides to end his unofficial retirement.

If Johnson creates value with an impressive training camp, the team may have to keep him on the 53-man roster.

"My goal is learn from the veterans, get better and go out and play the game the way I know how, and take the coaching I'm receiving and apply it to the game," he said.

Johnson's objective is to create an opportunity for himself, to put himself in position to force Gruden's hand by the final roster cutdown. More likely, he will be a candidate for the practice squad.

"Wherever I perform, that's where I'll end up," said Johnson, who threw 43 touchdown passes and just one interception as a senior. "I don't have any high expectations or any low expectations -- just to get better, and continue to improve, to where I know if the coaches ever needed me, they have confidence in me, if they have to call on me.

"You can't really look at the numbers, just do what you can on the field. Everything will fall into place, based on the way you're performing. It'll be a friendly competition at the same time.

"We don't talk about scenarios, what's going to happen. He (Gruden) just told me, 'I'm going to stay on you, to make sure you get better every day.' That's all I asked for. I asked him to stay on me. I want to get better every day."

Johnson had a head start going into the mini-camp, having had experience running the West Coast offense in college. As a three-year starter, he threw for 9,699 yards, completing 68 percent of his passes, with 113 touchdowns and 15 interceptions.

"I'm just trying to make sure I have this down-pat, so I can try to get up to speed as quickly as possible," Johnson said.

He knows that Gruden is going to force him to learn fast.

"All you know is you're going to come in and you're going to work hard and get pushed, especially by coach Gruden, because he's a real intense coach," Johnson said.

"I just want to come in and get better every day and go out there, make plays and be a leader on the offense."

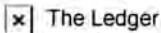
#### Bucs notebook

Sec ond-round draft pick WR Dexter Jackson suffered a pulled hamstring in the first workout Friday and seventh-round pick RB Cory Boyd was limited by a left knee injury. Gruden said he expects both players to be healed by the next round of OTAs, set for May 13-14.

Three tryout players -- Bethune-Cookman LB Ron McCullough, Ohio State FB Stan White and Miami C John Rochford -- were singled out by the coaches for their effort in the camp and given helmets to take home.

Gruden said the team will try to sign four or five of the 38 tryout players to contracts. He added that three or four unidentified players warrant contracts, but would not identify them.

Todd Wash has been promoted to defensive line coach, replacing Larry Coyer, who has been promoted to assistant head coach. He will help Gruden oversee both the offense and defense.  
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## **BUCS ROOKIE CAMP**

# **New QB Johnson Gives It Best Shot**

By Rick Brown  
The Ledger

TAMPA | There are just two quarterbacks at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie/free agent mini-camp, still Josh Johnson is not taking anything for granted.

That is why on Saturday, the Bucs' fifth-round pick from the University of San Diego spent 30 minutes following practice working on his throws with quarterback coach Greg Olson.

Johnson knows he's going to have to get better and in a hurry.

The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder from Oakland is one of seven quarterbacks on the roster. Tampa Bay said it will take just five quarterbacks into training camp in July so Johnson knows he's in a battle for at least one of those spots.

And that is just fine with him.

"You can't really look at the numbers," Johnson said Saturday. "You have to go out and do what you do on the field, play the game you know how and continue to get better.

"Everything will fall into place based on the way you perform," he said. "Nothing is handed to you, especially in this league. You've got to earn everything."

Many critics wondered why the Bucs would take another quarterback but Johnson's numbers were just too enticing to pass up.

Playing in an offense similar to what Tampa Bay runs, Johnson virtually rewrote all of San Diego's passing and total offense records. He also holds the Football Championship Subdivision (I-AA) career record for passing efficiency, percentage of touchdowns per attempt and completion percentage.

Last season, Johnson threw for 2,988 yards and 43 touchdowns. In 301 pass attempts in 2007, Johnson threw just one interception.

That accuracy has been on display the past two days and has caught the attention of at least one tryout player.



"Man, I've been talking about him since we've been here," said former USF receiver Amarri Jackson. "He's accurate and has a powerful arm. He's just so accurate. He threw one across his body and hit me in stride. He's so versatile, when he gets out of the pocket, he reminds me of (USF quarterback Matt Grothe of Lake Gibson).

For his career, Johnson threw for 9,699 yards and 113 touchdowns against 15 interceptions. He also rushed for 1,864 yards and 19 touchdowns.

"He's very well coached," Olson said. "He has a great command of the team. In no way have we been disappointed."

But Johnson is not ready to ink his name onto the roster. Performing in shorts with other rookies is one thing. Doing it against veterans in pads is another.

"My goal is to learn from the veterans and go out play the game like I know how," Johnson said. "Wherever I perform, that's where I'll end up. I don't have any high expectations. I don't have any low expectations. My expectation is to get better and to continue to improve so if the coaches ever needed me, they'll have confidence to call me."

**NOTES:** Third-round draft pick offensive lineman Jeremy Zuttah from Rutgers worked out some at center this weekend. Zuttah played both tackle and guard at Rutgers. The Bucs want some versatility out of their lineman in case of injury . . . Today is the final day of camp. The Bucs will make a decision on whether to sign any additional players following camp. If they do, they would have to make some cuts because they are at their limit of 80 players. . . Long-time Tampa resident and former NFL player Freddie Solomon was at Tampa Bay's practice Saturday.

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## Believe it or not, there's method to Bucs' QB madness

By Pat Yasinkas  
ESPN.com

TAMPA, Fla. -- Only two quarterbacks were on the field at One Buccaneer Place on Friday. Make it three, if you want to count Doug Williams.

Williams is long retired and working in the team's personnel department.

But given the way the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are collecting quarterbacks these days, anything's possible. Officially, there are six quarterbacks on the roster.

For technical purposes, you could also count Jake Plummer. He's retired, but never has filed the official paperwork. The Bucs long ago gave up hope of Plummer playing again, but they still hold his rights. You could also count Sam Keller, an undrafted rookie from Nebraska who is getting a tryout at this weekend's rookie camp.

To date, the Bucs haven't tried to coax Vinny Testaverde or Steve Spurrier to sign, but that may be only because they've got just about every other quarterback from their history on the roster.

"I can't say I've ever had this many quarterbacks before," new Bucs quarterbacks coach Greg Olson said. "But it's a good situation to have. We have a number of quarterbacks who have won games for the Buccaneers."

Actually, that number is five. Jeff Garcia, Brian Griese, Chris Simms, Bruce Gradkowski and Luke McCown each have started and won for the Bucs at one time or another.



The Bucs had three active quarterbacks on their 2007 roster -- Jeff Garcia, Luke McCown and Bruce Gradkowski (left to right) -- with NFL starting experience. But the Bucs added another QB in the 2008 draft.

Throw in sixth-round draft choice Josh Johnson, who is splitting reps with Keller during rookie camp, and the Bucs have enough quarterbacks to stock a couple of NFL franchises.

The numbers might seem excessive right now, but there's a plan behind all this and it will sort itself out in the coming months -- in some cases, maybe even sooner. If this were a game of musical quarterback chairs, Garcia, Griese, Gradkowski, McCown and Johnson would be sitting right now.

Simms still would be standing. It was known around the league for months that Simms was available, but the Bucs apparently didn't get any strong offers for a trade during the NFL draft last week. Simms still is on the roster, but he's got a foot out the door.

He hasn't played since having his spleen removed early in the 2006 season. Simms apparently wants to start somewhere else and hasn't been participating in any team activities during the offseason.

The Bucs probably will have to grant Simms his wish and release him before long. That single move would go a long way in sorting out the Olympic-size quarterback pool. The Bucs plan to take five quarterbacks to training camp, and this competition isn't nearly as complicated as you might think.

That's because Garcia, who's coming off a Pro Bowl season, returns as the starter. Griese, a former Tampa Bay backup, is pretty much set as the backup after returning from a stint in Chicago. Barring an injury, that leaves McCown, Gradkowski and Johnson to compete for one, or maybe two, roster spots.

"Competition is healthy for a team," Olson said. "And it's certainly healthy at the quarterback position. I think it's going to make everybody better."

Olson was St. Louis's offensive coordinator before he was fired at the end of last season. He has a long history with Garcia, having worked with the quarterback in previous stops in San Francisco and Detroit.

"I broke into the league with Jeff in San Francisco and he was a true professional then," Olson said. "I'll never forget the first day I went to practice and he told me, 'Coach me like I'm a college quarterback.' In other words, he wanted me to be hard on him. He demands a lot of himself and he likes his coaches to demand a lot out of him."



Bucs rookie QB Josh Johnson had a remarkable senior season at the University of San Diego.



New Bucs QB coach Greg Olson (left) has worked with Jeff Garcia for two other NFL teams, including Detroit (pictured above) and San Francisco.

Olson again will take that approach with Garcia and he'll take it with the rest of the quarterbacks because the Bucs are looking for more than a No. 3 guy behind Garcia and Griese. They're looking for a long-term quarterback for the future.

Garcia is 38. Griese is 33. Sure, Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden has a history of winning with veteran quarterbacks (see Rich Gannon in Oakland and Brad Johnson in Tampa Bay). Gruden would like nothing better than to have Garcia keep playing the way he did last year, but the coach is smart enough to know that can't go on forever.

Gruden wants to start grooming *his* quarterback, and that's really what this whole clouded QB picture is about. Maybe it's Gradkowski, maybe it's McCown or maybe it's Johnson. They each have their selling points.

Johnson didn't play for a powerhouse at the University of San Diego, but he has good size, a live arm and numbers that would stand out on any level. Last season, Johnson threw 43 touchdown passes and one interception -- and that ball was tipped.

Gradkowski doesn't have a big arm, but he showed plenty of moxie while starting 11 games in 2006 after Simms went down. McCown had three starts late last season and has momentum in his favor as training camp approaches.

"We've got to be careful about who's getting the reps and who's not getting the reps," Olson said. "Coach Gruden's been doing a nice job of controlling that and giving guys a chance to develop. The guys that have been here for the [organized team activities] have had a chance to take some reps and everyone will have a chance to get some going forward. When you're not getting a lot of reps, you have to make the most of your opportunities. It puts a little more pressure on them to perform and I think that's a good thing."

Maybe that pressure will help McCown, Gradkowski or Johnson rise and become the Bucs' quarterback of the future.

If not, anybody got a number for Trent Dilfer? Or Jack Thompson?

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Brian Griese (8) returns to the Bucs after a two-season stint with the Bears. This time he is expected to vie with Luke McCown (12) for playing time behind Jeff Garcia.

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## Eagles - Gasperson tries to catch on with Eagles at tight end

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THE PASS CAME and then it went, way too quickly, given everything it meant to Mike Gasperson.

Last Dec. 23 at New Orleans, after nearly three full seasons on the Eagles' practice squad, Gasperson was activated for a game. He ran up and down the field on special teams, and then, suddenly, there he was at wideout, and Donovan McNabb was aiming a short pass to him, Gasperson with room along the sideline to turn it upfield. Except Gasperson looked upfield when he should have been looking the ball in, and it clanged off his hands.

Three days later, the day after Christmas, Gasperson was released, the disappointment cushioned a little by assurances he would return in the offseason.

The day after New Year's, the Eagles asked Gasperson if he wanted to try again, this time as a tight end. Absolutely, Gasperson said, and he set about putting 15 pounds on his 6-4, 215-pound frame.

Last week, the Birds gathered their rookies and what they call "select" veterans - the ones they usually "select" to take all those preseason reps so the real players don't get hurt - for 2 weeks of work at NovaCare. Gasperson, who turns 26 on June 10, was the oldest guy on the field, except for a few players coming over from other teams and needing to learn a new system - like 27-year-old fullback Dan Klecko, or 26-year-old tight end Kris Wilson.

As youngsters in the locker stalls around him talked about how new and different it all was, Gasperson embarked on his fourth go-round with the Birds. To put that in perspective, Gasperson and wideout Reggie Brown arrived the same year. Gasperson has worked and sweated and studied just as much as Brown - while playing in a mere 47 fewer regular-season games and catching only 150 fewer passes.

"Hopefully, when I finally do make it, it'll be that much more exciting and worth it, the hard work I put in," Gasperson said.

Gasperson first signed late in the 2005 preseason, at the recommendation of his coach at the University of San Diego, Jim Harbaugh. That was long enough ago that Jim Harbaugh is now coaching Stanford, and the Eagles assistant Harbaugh contacted, his brother, John, is now the head coach in Baltimore. Gasperson had gone undrafted after suffering a serious knee injury, and he wasn't able to work out until training camp was nearly complete.

The practice squad was the best outcome Gasperson could hope for in '05, given when he signed. By the next training camp, it was obvious the coaches thought he had promise. But not enough promise that they felt they had to put him on the field.

"Being on the practice squad, I don't feel it's a rejection," Gasperson said. "For them to keep me around for 3 years, I feel like they must see something."

Gasperson has a wife and a child now, and he acknowledges it would have been nice to know, 2 or 3 years ago, that he was going to be around this long - he would have bought a condo, settled in. He said his wife, Mandy, a former Chargers cheerleader who has worked as a teacher in South Jersey, understands why he hasn't given up his life on the fringes of the NFL, hasn't made use of his business degree.

"She knows it's just a dream of mine, and it's not like I can stop now and come back and do it later; it's now or never," Gasperson said. "She's understanding about that."

Gasperson acknowledges he thinks "every day" about what he would do if the NFL string finally snapped. His father, Gary, is in real estate. His brother, Joey, is now a personal trainer back home in Monterey, Calif. He said he finds their careers interesting.

Second-year quarterback Kevin Kolb said he thinks Gasperson is very close to making it here and not having to worry about another career. Kolb and Gasperson became hunting buddies after the QB arrived in the '07 draft.

"He's got the best heart of anybody I've ever met; that's one of the reasons he's so liked around here," Kolb said. "It's just a deal where he has to find his groove. Once he does, he'll fit in. I can see him being just like a Jay Novacek - he's got the same type of body and hands, and feel for the game."

"There's a lot of 'in-between' players, people wonder where they're going to fit. Sometimes they do, sometimes they don't. The ones that do fit, it seems like [people who didn't think they would end up saying], 'Golly, where did this guy come from?' I think he can be one of those guys."

The main reason Gasperson was activated last December was to put a big, healthy body out there on special teams, a role in which he will have to stand out to make the team this year. Gasperson said he thought he settled in well there after a rough opening kickoff.

"The biggest thing I take out of that game is that the speed of the game is just so fast. Being on special teams, having the kickoff team run down on you, it's so much different than practice," he said. "You simulate in practice having guys run down, but in the game it's so much faster. You've got to pick up things fast."

May 24, 2008

## **USD wins trophy for feats in WCC**

USD yesterday received the West Coast Conference Commissioner's Cup for 2007-08, the all-sports award given annually to the league's top performing school in conference play.

USD also captured the Men's and Women's All-Sports Award, recognizing athletic achievements within each gender.

"This is a testament to the Board of Trustees, the president, administration and staff but especially to our coaches and student-athletes who made it happen through their hard work and efforts," USD Executive Director of Athletics Ky Snyder said after accepting the trophy from WCC Associate Commissioner Wendy Guthrie.

"Four years ago we set a plan to compete for conference championships every year. This is the first step to doing so on a regular basis."

USD won conference championships in baseball and men's golf and shared the conference title in women's volleyball in accumulating 71 points to 62.5 for overall runner-up Santa Clara. Men's teams accounted for 36 points and women's teams 35 on an 8-to-1 point system for first- to eighth-place finishes in regular-season play.

USD won the award for the first time. Pepperdine won the Cup in the first three years of its existence, 2002-04. Santa Clara prevailed in 2005 and '07 and Loyola Marymount in 2006.

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## Women's Rowing Makes It to Grand Final at Dad Vails

The TOReros finished in fifth place overall

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**May 14, 2008**  
**PHILADELPHIA, Penn.** - The University of San Diego women's rowing team went the distance at the 2008 Dad Vail Regatta on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, PA. The Toreros made it to the Grand Final in the Varsity 8 where they placed fifth in a very close race with a time of 6:43.10.

San Diego entered the Women's Varsity Heavyweight 8 and the Women's JV 8 event. On Friday, USD's Varsity 8 was in lane three in the third of seven heats that would take them to the next round. San Diego took first place with a time of 6:31.0, 10 seconds ahead of second place Saint Mary's. The JV 8 placed second with a time of 6:46.75 advancing to the semi-final.

On Saturday, the Varsity semi-final narrowed the competition down to three heats. Only the top two teams in each heat would advance to the Grand Final. The Toreros were again in lane three as they rowed to a second place finish time of 6:20.05, qualifying them for the Grand Final.

Toreros finish fifth overall at Dad Vails



In the final, the Toreros battled from lane six in a very tight race beating the local Philadelphia university St. Joes. They crossed the line fifth with a time of 6:43.10 behind Buffalo, Purdue, Sacramento, and first place UC Davis. "It was a great opportunity for us to race on the East Coast after finishing second at our West Coast Conference Championship. The finals were very competitive in Philadelphia and it was a great opportunity for our crew," said Head Coach Kim Cupini. This wraps up the Toreros competitive racing season.

### Heat (7) 3 (Women's Varsity Heavyweight 8 - 7 to Semi-Final - last place)

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Rank	Team	Time	Place
1	San Diego 96	06:31.000	3
2	Saint Marys 95	06:41.755	4
3	Marist 62	06:48.925	2
4	Delaware 34	07:00.739	1
5	Florida 41	07:08.343	5

SemiFinal (3)

### 3 (Women's Varsity Heavyweight Eight - SEMFs (2 To Final) ):

Rank	Team	Time	Place
1	Buffalo 12	06:17.576	4
2	San Diego 96	06:20.051	3
3	Saint Marys 95	06:27.021	5
4	California - Irvine 14	06:35.658	1
5	Drexel 37	06:39.835	2
6	Santa Clara 98	06:40.696	6

Final (2)

### 1 (Women's Varsity Heavyweight Eight - FINAL EVELYN BERGMAN TROPHY):

Rank	Team	Time	Place
1	California - Davis 18	06:34.011	4
2	Sacramento 17	06:35.768	3
3	Purdue 87	06:36.898	5

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## Toreros Perform Well at WIRA's

Both the varsity eight and novice eight took home medals this past weekend.

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May 5, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego men's rowing team set a new program standard over the weekend, racing into a set of Bronze Medals in the varsity eight and a set of gold medals in the novice four in the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships. The Toreros also claimed second place within the WCC, with Gonzaga as the only conference school still out in front by a few seconds.

USD performed well at the WIRA's this past weekend.

"This was a really amazing weekend for our squad. Of the eighteen athletes entered, fourteen collected medals at the largest western region championship race in the United States, with everyone finishing at the silver medal position within the WCC," state head

coach Brooks Dagitian. "We had our varsity eight medal in a regional championship race for the first time in the program's history and our novice four simply dominated their event. It just doesn't get much better than that."

The Toreros head to Philadelphia and the Dad Vail Regatta this coming weekend to race both the novice and varsity eights. Look for further information on seedings and races scheduling at [www.dadvail.org](http://www.dadvail.org).

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## Toreros Complete Regular Season With 2nd Place Finish at WCC's

The Toreros swept 2nd place finishes in all events and ready for WIRA's on Saturday and Sunday

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Senior Jacquelyn Harris earned her fourth straight All-WCC award for her performance at Conference

May 2, 2008

**LAKE NATOMA, Calif.** - The University of San Diego women's rowing team concluded their regular season schedule at the WCC Rowing Championships as the Toreros earned a second place finish with 24 points, after coming in just behind the Zags in each of the three races Friday afternoon.

Loyola Marymount finished in third place with 15 points, while Saint Mary's earned 13 total points, good for fourth place. Santa Clara rounded out the competition, coming in fifth, with eight points. Gonzaga posted a first place finish in the I-Eight event with a time of 6:44.0, finishing ahead of second place San Diego by five seconds. The Toreros, who had finished the I-Eight race in fifth place last season, notched a time of 6:49.1 to come in second this year. The Gaels grabbed third place with a 6:54.7 mark. Loyola Marymount came in fourth with a time of 7:00.7, followed by the Broncos with a time of 7:01.6.

In the II-Eight race, Gonzaga finished first with a 6:56.7 mark, followed by San Diego with a time of 7:07.4. Loyola Marymount captured the No. 3 spot with a time of 7:08.7, while Santa Clara and Saint Mary's rounded out the II-Eight race with times of 7:20.6 and 7:26.8, respectively.

Gonzaga won the I-Four event posting a time of 7:40.0. The Toreros took second place in the I-Four race with a 7:56.0 mark, while the Lions captured third place with a time of 8:06.5. Saint Mary's came in fourth with an 8:27.9 mark, and Santa Clara finished fifth with a time of 8:40.9.

San Diego had two athletes earn All-WCC honors, as both Allison Matthews and Jacquelyn Harris received all-conference recognition. This year marked the fourth time Jacquelyn Harris has earned WCC All-Conference honors. Gonzaga landed four athletes on the All-WCC team in Kelsey Koenig, Hanna McClintock, Kelly Steinhaus, and 2008 Coxswain of the Year, Joan Aubry. Rounding out the All-WCC team were Loyola Marymount's Jill Austin, Saint Mary's Johanna Timmer, and Santa Clara's Laila Cornejo. Gonzaga's head coach, Melissa Flint, was tabbed for 2008 WCC Rowing Coach of the Year honors her first year in this position.

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- Gonzaga, 7:40.0, 5 points
- San Diego, 7:56.0, 4 points
- Loyola Marymount, 8:06.5, 3 points
- Saint Mary's, 8:27.9, 2 points
- Santa Clara, 8:40.9, 1 point

**2008 WCC Rowing Championship Results**

**Final Standings**

- Gonzaga - 30
- San Diego - 24
- LMU - 15
- Saint Mary's - 13
- Santa Clara - 8

**I-Eight**

- Gonzaga, 6:44.0, 15 points
- San Diego, 6:49.1, 12 points
- Saint Mary's, 6:54.7, 9 points
- Loyola Marymount, 7:00.7, 6 points
- Santa Clara, 7:01.3, 3 points

**II-Eight**

- Gonzaga, 6:56.7, 10 points
- San Diego, 7:07.4, 8 points

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## Cretin-Derham Hall senior Gina Schneider will attend the University of San Diego on a rowing scholarship

Since trying out rowing two years ago, Cretin-Derham Hall senior Gina Schneider has fallen in love with the sport. Now she passes along her passion to others and will attend the University of San Diego on a rowing scholarship.

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Once you sit in a rowing shell, you're hooked.

Cretin-Derham Hall senior Gina Schneider guarantees it.

And her passion for the sport is infectious.

"Rowing?" Cretin junior Ann Wolski asked recently. "It's the sport of the gods!"

Wolski learned about rowing in part from Schneider but admits she's not as hard-core as her schoolmate.

"Besides academics, my life has become all about rowing," said Schneider, an energetic and engaging student-athlete with an ever-present smile. "I am just so in love with it."

In a state that doesn't sanction high school rowing,

Schneider this spring signed a letter of intent to row at the University of San Diego, which has one of 86 varsity programs in NCAA Division I. The first Division I championships were held in 1997.



Cretin-Derham Hall's Gina Schneider has landed a rowing scholarship at the University of San Diego. (Scott Takushi, Pioneer Press)

Schneider, who also received a Division I full-ride offer from Southern Methodist, hopes her success will lead to the Minnesota State High School League adopting rowing as a sanctioned activity.

"I know it would take a lot for it to become a high school sport," she said. "Until then, I will just do my best to spread the word about it. The people you deal with in rowing are great. There isn't any drama that you might get in other high school team sports."

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# Men's Rowing Finishes Season Strong at Dad Vail Regatta

The USD novice boat took home silver medals.

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USD men's novice took home silver medals at the Dad Vail Regatta.

May 13, 2008

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego men's rowing team concluded their racing season in stylish fashion at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia, PA, with the USD novice men collecting silver medals.

The program moved into new competitive territory this past weekend in Philadelphia, racing to a second place and eighth place finish in the novice and varsity eights respectively. While fast course conditions in preliminary racing made initial times irrelevant, a fair course in the finals on Saturday saw both teams also reset the school records in both events.

"Both of these teams raced incredibly well in some really tough conditions," said head coach Brooks Dagman. "The V8 had to fight back from some bad luck in the preliminary racing and did so brilliantly."

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May 31, 2008

# Holland's compensation topped USD president's, records show

**By Brent Schrottenboer**  
STAFF WRITER

Almost every year in USD's history, the school's top professors, deans and administrators have earned better pay than its top sports coaches, according to federal tax records.

It's a trait that sets it apart from bigger public universities with highly paid basketball and football coaches.

But last year that profile changed in a noticeable way. Former men's basketball coach Brad Holland earned the most compensation at

USD for the fiscal year ending last June: \$365,232. That was more compensation than school President Mary Lyons, who earned \$352,800, according to tax records recently made available.

Holland's contract terms were undisclosed, but he said when he was fired in March 2007 that USD bought out the remaining year of his deal. That likely skewed his regular compensation for this particular year, possibly doubling it.

"There were transitional costs associated with bringing in a new coach," said USD Executive Athletic Director Ky Snyder, who declined to

comment further.

Nevertheless, Holland's compensation last year ranked as the second-highest annual USD compensation since fiscal year 1998, and possibly second-highest ever. Longtime professor Franklin Young's compensation in fiscal year 1999 (\$416,133) tops that list.

Holland's total compensation and benefits package last year (\$404,732) is one of only three at USD since 1998 to top \$400,000, including contributions to his benefit plans (\$38,740) and expense account (\$760).

Young, who worked at USD

for about 25 years until 2000, earned a total package of \$432,473 in 1999. Lyons' benefits (\$44,067) and expense account (\$26,302) put her total package above Holland's last year at \$423,169.

As a private school, USD's employment contracts are not available for public viewing. But part of its federal tax form is. Such forms include lists of compensation for officers, directors and trustees, plus the five highest paid employees only. It is believed to be the first time a USD coach has appeared on those lists.

Holland coached at USD for 13 years before being re-

## USD COMPENSATION

These are the highest one-year compensations at USD since fiscal year 1998, not including benefits and expense accounts:

- 1999** Franklin Young, professor, \$416,133
- 2006** Brad Holland, basketball coach, \$365,232
- 2006** Mary Lyons, president, \$352,800
- 2005** Saikrishna Prakash, law prof., \$329,512
- 2002** Alice Hayes, president, \$329,044

Source: Federal tax records. USD tax years run from July to June.

placed by Bill Grier, whose salary was undisclosed. Tax records show USD loaned Grier \$127,800 to purchase a home last year.

Tax records before 1998

were not available to the *Union-Tribune*.

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### Brad Holland Joins UCSB Men's Basketball Coaching Staff

The winningest coach in USD history will bring experience to Gaucho bench.

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May 19, 2008

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - Brad Holland, the head basketball coach at the University of San Diego from 1994-2007, will join the UC Santa Barbara basketball staff as an assistant, head coach Bob Williams announced Monday.

"I think this is a spectacular addition for us," Williams said. "Having the opportunity to add someone of Coach Holland's credentials and background to our staff is awesome. He is a proven winner at the mid-major level with a gifted eye for assessing talent, and just the mention of his name in basketball circles everywhere makes people stand-up and take notice."

Holland is San Diego's all-time leader in coaching victories with 200. A two-time West Coast Conference Coach of the Year, he guided the Toreros to nine winning seasons and 11 campaigns with a mark of .500 or better. In 2006-07, Holland's 13th and final season at USD, he led the program to an 18-14 record and into the semifinals of the WCC Tournament. It was the fifth time that one of his teams won 18 or more games. In 2002-03, Holland's squad went 18-12 and won the WCC Tournament title, advancing to the program's first NCAA Tournament in 16 years. That season was also highlighted by the team's 86-81 overtime win at 14th-ranked UCLA. The 1999-2000 Torero team won 20 games overall and 10 in league play, their highest totals in 12 seasons, earning him his second consecutive WCC Coach of the Year honor.

Brad Holland, the winningest coach in University of San Diego history, has joined Bob Williams' coaching staff at UCSB. (Photo courtesy of USD)

"I've been looking to get back into coaching, and to get back in with a coach I know well and respect is a great opportunity," commented Holland. "UCSB is a very good program with a winning tradition, and it is also an outstanding university. Those things make this a good fit for me."

Before becoming head coach at San Diego, Holland spent two seasons as the head coach at Cal State Fullerton. In his first season, 1992-93, the Titans went 15-12, their first winning season in four years. Prior to his tenure at Fullerton, Holland was an assistant coach at his alma mater, UCLA, from 1988-1992. The Bruins advanced to the NCAA Tournament in all four of his seasons on the bench.

A four-year letterwinner at UCLA, Holland was the last player recruited by the legendary John Wooden. In his final two seasons as a player for the Bruins, 1977-78 and 1978-79, he was coached by UCSB's current Athletics Director Gary Cunningham. After a senior year in which he averaged 17.5 points and 4.8 assists, earning him honorable mention All-American recognition, Holland was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers with the 14th pick in the 1980 NBA Championship team, and scored eight points against Philadelphia in the decisive sixth game of the championship series. He played three seasons in the league before retiring in 1982.

Holland replaces Danny Yoshikawa. He and his wife, Leslie, have three children.

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