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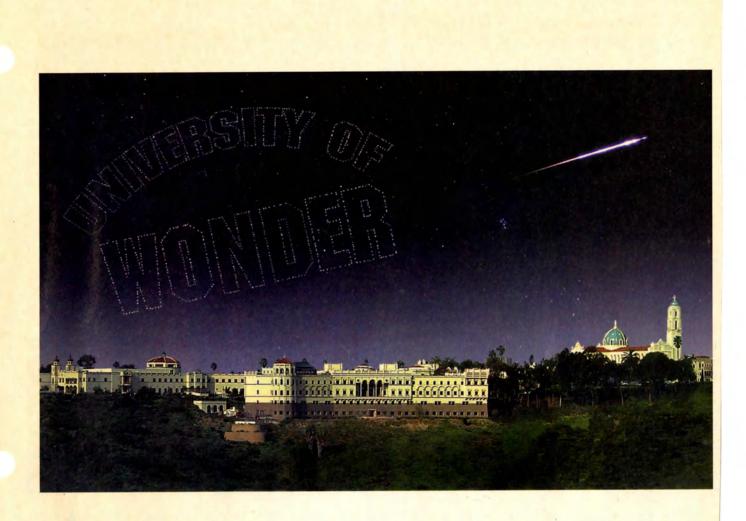
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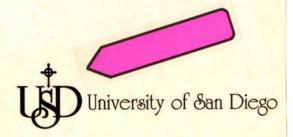
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USD Alumni Honors

The San Diego Union-Tribune • Saturday, April 30, 2005

USD will honor top alumni today

UNION-TRIBUNE

A federal judge in San Diego who once was an advocate for indigents and farmworkers will be among five recipients of the University of San Diego's highest alumni honors.

The recipients of the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Awards, named after the school's former longserving president, will be honored today at the university's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The honorees include:

• U.S. District Judge Napoleon Jones Jr., who devoted years to social work and the California Rural Legal Assistance.

• Lawrence Shea, a managing principal for Barney & Barney in San Diego, a private insurance agency and brokerage firm.

• Ethel Yamamoto, London chairwoman of the global credit committee for BNP Paribas, a European financial services group.

• David Herrera, a San Diego executive-turned-academic who has written books on social justice and employee participation in the workplace.

• Julie C. Novak, associate dean of the pharmacy school at Purdue University and a former president of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners. She received the first doctorate awarded by USD's School of Nursing.

Alumni being honored with other awards include:

• Delle Willett Stattin, marketing director for the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park, who served on the USD Alumni Association board and was a mentor and adviser.

• Ann Taylor, a faculty member at Southwestern College, who has devoted years volunteering in hospices and clinics in Tijuana.

For tickets, call (619) 260-4819 or visit www.sandiego.edu/alumni/alumnirelations.

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Saturday, April 30, on the campus of USD

The University of San Diego Alumni Honors recognizes outstanding graduates in the areas of career achievement, contributions to humanitarian causes and volunteer service to USD. For ticket information, call Alumni Relations at (619) 260-4819.



David Herrera '04 (Ed.D.) SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The Honorable Napoleon A. Jones Jr. '71 (J.D.) SCHOOL OF LAW



Julie C. Novak '89 (D.N.Sc.) HAHN SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCE

Lawrence W. Shea '62 (B.A.) COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Delle Willett Stattin '64 (B.A.) COLLEGE OF ARTS

AND SCIENCES

Ann Taylor

'95 (M.S.N.)

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Ethel F. Yamamoto '75 (B.A.), '80 (M.B.A.) SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The San Diego Union-Tribune • Sunday, April 24, 2005

University of San Diego Honors Southwestern College Professor & Social Justice Advocate

Alumni Awards for Career
 Achievement, Humanitarian
 Causes & Volunteer Service
 A nurse who aids the sick
 and suffering in Mexico and a
 former executive who promotes social justice and em-

plosee participation in the oplace will be honored by the University of San Diego Saturday, April 30.

The University of San Diego Alumni Honors recognizes graduates in the areas of career achievement, contributions to humanitarian causes and volunteer service to USD. The black-tie gala will be held in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. The awards are named for former USD President Author E. Hughes and the University's founders, Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill and Bishop Charles Francis Buddy.

Ann Taylor, a nurse and faculty member at Southwestern College, is the recipient of the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy



David Herrera

Humanitarian Award for a lifetime of leadership and service to the sick and suffering. A practitioner of Healing Touch therapy, she has done extensive work in Tijuana as an associate with the Servants of the Eleventh Hour order, as a volunteer with Casa Las Memorias, an HIV/AIDS Hospice, and as a volunteer at the city's San Eugenio Clinic.

Taylor earned her master's degree as a family health clinical nurse specialist in 1995 from USD's Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science.

David Herrera will receive the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award from USD's School of Education. Hererra left a successful corporate career to earn a doctorate in education and promote social justice and employee participation in the workplace.

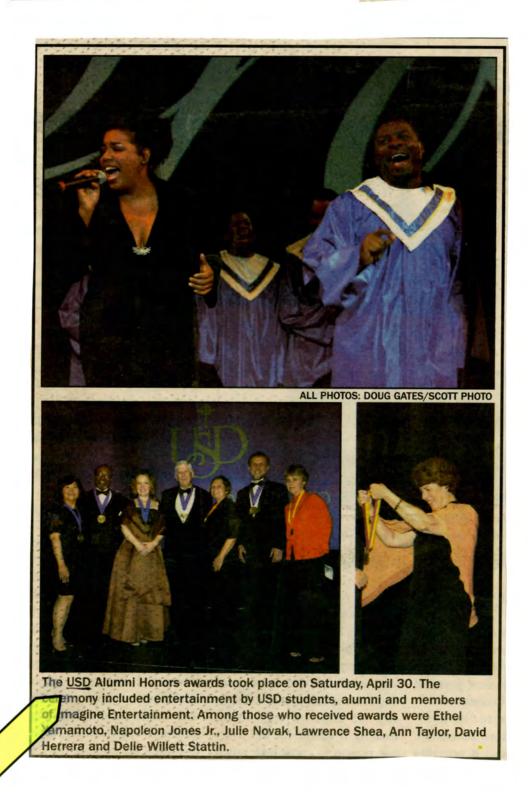
Recently, he was invited to the Vatican to present a paper on Catholic social teachings. Herrera teaches a course for USD's School of Education, "Models of Worker Owned Organizations" and leads travel and study programs to Mondragon, Spain to observe the cooperative style of management practiced there to promote social and economic development in the Basque Region of Spain.

"We're very pleased to honor these remarkable individuals who exemplify the University of San Diego's commitment to excellence and public service," said Jack Kelly, senior director of Alumni Relations.

Ann Taylor

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Vista



College of Arts and Sciences

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Voices raised in praise, dismay

By Mark Sauer and Alex Roth STAFF WRITERS

Yesterday's election of a conservative German pope dedicated to guarding Catholic orthodoxy was met with dismay by some rank-and-file followers in San Diego and optimism from others, including church officials.

White smoke pouring from the Sistine Chapel chimney revealed that a pope had been elected at 9:04 a.m. San Diego time. Before long, Pope Benedict XVI emerged to bless the crowd in St. Peter's Square, and the buzz commenced in San Diego's Catholic community.

For many Catholics, when it comes to issues ranging from the church's ban on birth control to its handling of the sex-abuse scandal, it was meet the new pope, same as the old pope.

"I'm very disappointed," said Al O'Brien of the local chapter of Call to Action, a group of lay Catholics opposed to the teachings of Pope John Paul II and his successor.

Teresa Norton of Call to Action said the new pope is "certainly a brilliant man," but that he is "not any more likely to turn an open ear or heart to the needs of Catholics who want to be included and involved than the last pope."

She and others interviewed feared the end of the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, the 1960s reform movement said by many to have opened the church to the modern world.

Bishop Robert Brom of the Diocese of San Diego said he was surprised by the choice of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, "particularly because of his age."

Brom said during past encounters with Ratzinger, who turned 78 on Satarday, "I was very impressed by the depth of his spirituality and love for the Lord." In downtown Tijuana, tolling bells celebrated the new pope and Catholic seminarians burst into cheers. Tijuana Bishop Rafael Romo Muñoz praised the new pontiff as a man of great clarity and tremendous intellectual capacity.

The clarity will strengthen the church in Mexico, Romo said, and help the institution confront its two major challenges: giving firm guidance to committed laypersons and attracting more young people to the priesthood.

"For me the logical choice was Cardinal Ratzinger," Romo said. "And luckily that's how it turned out."

Father Henry Rodriguez, pastor at St. Jude Shrine, a predominantly Latino church in San Diego's Southcrest neighborhood, said he hopes the new pope will continue to reach out to the worldwide church and speak against injustices suffered by immigrants, as Pope John Paul II did.

Rodriguez said his message to parishioners is to not get caught up in the conservative label being assigned to Pope Benedict XVI.

"Labels can change in a matter of days. The truth doesn't," he said.

On the campus of the <u>University of</u> <u>San Diego</u>, several students at the Catholic school said they were disappointed by the selection.

"The church needs to change. We're in the 21st century now," said Alfonso Magaña, 21.

Nicole Thompson, also 21, said Ratzinger seemed too beholden to "hierarchy" and too rigid.

A few students said they would have preferred a pope who wasn't European, given that more than half of the world's Catholics live in the developing world.

"I'd hoped the church would send a message by electing a pope from Africa or South America," said Beth Watson, 20.

USD professor Terence McGoldrick used yesterday's news as a teaching opportunity for his class on the foundation of Catholic theology.

He told students that Ratzinger's selection can be viewed as a continuation of Pope John Paul II's legacy but "also may be viewed as a transition period," given Ratzinger's age.

"He's conservative, right?" one stu-

dent asked McGoldrick.

"Yes, Ratzinger's conservative, no doubt about it," the professor respond-

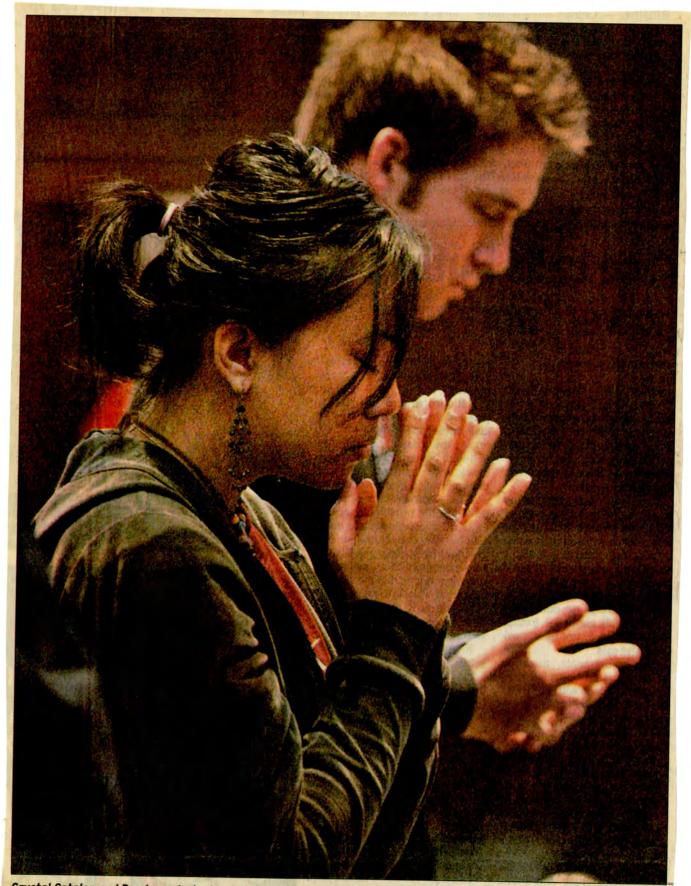
ed. "Remember, the role of Rome is to conserve the faith ... So how does change come about? Through movements of the Holy Spirit."

Those with little patience for movements of the Holy Spirit are members of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

Mary Grant of Long Beach, the group's Western Regional Director, called Ratzinger a "polarizing figure to many, who seems to prefer combativeness to compromise and compassion."

"Still," Grant added, "we wish him well."

Staff writers Leonel Sanchez and Sandra Dibble contributed to this story.



Crystal Catalan and Ben Lee, students at the University of San Diego, participated in the daily Mass at the school's Founders Chapel yesterday after the election of Pope Benedict XVI. Nancee E. Lewis / Union-Tribune



Youth seek connection to new pope

INLAND: They praise Benedict XVI's conservative values, but want someone who speaks their language.

11:47 PM PDT on Saturday, April 23, 2005

By BETTYE WELLS MILLER and MICHAEL FISHER / The Press-Enterprise

Three years ago, Celeste Chavez trekked more than 2,000 miles from Rialto to Toronto to see Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day, and she had hoped to hear the pontiff's message again at this year's celebration, in August in Cologne, Germany.

"They always say youth is the future," said Chavez, 20. "But more often than not you get overlooked. He created this whole event for youth."

Despite John Paul's death earlier this month, Chavez intends to be among the 800,000 young people expected at the 20th World Youth Day when newly elected Pope Benedict XVI will make his first attempt to overcome his reputation as a hard-line conservative and establish a rapport with the young Catholics who adored his predecessor.

"I hope he helps youth and young adults understand our religion," said Chavez, who is encouraged that Pope Benedict has pledged to attend the celebration. "I hope he is as powerful as John Paul."

Filling John Paul's Shoes

Many young Inland Catholics say it will be hard for Pope Benedict XVI -- the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany -- to fill the shoes of John Paul II, a pontiff who embraced them and articulated church teachings with clarity. They know little of the new pope but hope he will make them feel as valued as his predecessor.

Despite sharing similarly conservative views as Benedict, John Paul II remained popular with youth because he promoted high moral standards shaped by preservation of life principles that resonate with young people, said John Crossley, an associate professor of religion at USC.



Stan Lim / The Press-Enterprise "I hope he is as powerful as John Paul," says Celeste Chavez, 20.

Pope Benedict XVI's uncompromising style of pressing church doctrine might prove unattractive to American teenagers and young adults, Crossley said.

"The pope was a very good listener," he said of John Paul II. "He would meet with groups, and he would sit with that wonderful smile on his face and listen to what kids thought. Ratzinger is not that. He's a German authoritarian, and he is going to tell the kids what they should think."

John Paul II connected with teens because he affirmed their value, their talents and their gifts, said Mark Hart, with Life Teen, an international Catholic ministry based in Mesa, Ariz.

"There are teens who have been touched by the papacy and the church because they've been told they have a place here," Hart said. "If our new Holy Father is able to reaffirm to them on World Youth Day and is able to keep that core message, it will be a wonderful example to the rest of us in the church.... Our teens don't care if the pope speaks German or Italian or whatever,

as long as he's willing to speak their language."

April Goldsberry, a senior at Notre Dame High School in Riverside, said the new pope's reputation as an academic entrenched in the inner workings of the Vatican might hinder his chances of bonding with youth.

"He has to at least come out and talk" to young people, said Goldsberry, 18, of Perris.

'Looking for Clarity, Truth'

Sydney Miller 17, of San Bernardino, said Pope Benedict XVI's conservative views mirror those of most young Catholics, but his acceptance will hinge on his style.

Youth are looking for adults who are honest and not patronizing, said the Rev. Steve Porter, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Rialto.

"They're looking for clarity and truth," Porter said. "That's what they got from Pope John Paul II. Whether you like something or not is irrelevant. What's important to youth today is they're hearing a consistent message."

When John Paul II told youth they were the future of the church, Porter said, "It was in the sense of 'We are so grateful you are the future of the church. We know the church is in good hands when we see you.'"

But Benedict is not the charismatic figure that John Paul was, said Lawrence Cunningham, a theology professor at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

"Pope John Paul II is a tough act to follow, and the silliest thing in the world to expect is that everyone is cut from the same cloth," Cunningham said. "When Pope John Paul II went to these youth days, he did not rail against abortion or the hotbutton issue of the day. He talked about being faithful to Christ and reflecting Gospel values."

Guidance for Living

Many young Inland Catholics say they agree with the new pope's adherence to Catholic doctrine opposing abortion, capital punishment and euthanasia, but some would like to see the church reassess its bans on contraception, female clergy and married priests.

"I think it's not natural for people not to be married," said Megan Murphy, 17 priests could aid the nation's clergy shortage, she said. r at Notre Dame High School. Married

April Dornidon, a 20-year-old from Riverside, said she is pleased that the new pope holds conservative views. But the student at Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles said it might be time on the student church doctrine on birth control if it would help families limit the number of children to those they can affect to raise.

The Rev. Ron Pachence, a theology professor at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, said that many of his students also find it difficult to accept church teachings on contraception, because they believe "it's their decision whether to limit the size of their families or not.

"Women students . . . are not expecting (Benedict) is going to increase the role of women in the church, and there's apprehension about that," Pachence said.

However, young Catholic adults look to the church for help in knowing how to live Christian lives, Pachence said.

"I find a longing for a sense that there's more to life than what we see every day," he said.

Chavez said she agrees with church teachings on moral issues.

"I'm happy we have another conservative pope," Chavez said. "Even though there are things I don't understand, I go by church teachings."

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which John Paul II was know and appreciated."

Brom wrote that he had met the new pope during visits to Rome and came away "impressed by the depth of his spirituality and love for the Lord. I was also struck by his humility in moments of dialogue and his selflessness in putting his intellectual gifts at the service of the church."

At St. Michael's Catholic Church in Poway, one of 98 parishes and 17 missions in San Diego and Imperial counties, Monsignor Neal Dolan said the new pope's age at 78 means his will be a bridge papacy.

"The very fact he was elected so fast shows what I think was what the cardinals were intending," Dolan said. "John Paul II is a tough act to follow."

McGoldrick, the USD professor, also termed the election of Ratzinger a "transitional appointment," saying the choice was not reflective of the church today but a bow to the legacy of John Paul II.

It would be wrong to assume, however, that Pope Benedict XVI will continue the role he held under John Paul II as Rome's "policeman" of religious doctrine and on issues such as birth control, women being eligible for the priesthood and allowing priests to marry, the professor said.

"Now he has a new role and it would be a mistake to define him by the role he has held," McGoldrick said.

One of the first large-scale public events outside of Rome that the new pope is almost certain to attend will be one favored by John Paul II ---- World Youth Day. This year's event takes place in Cologne, Germany, in August.

"That will be a great event and I am sure this pope will go," Dolan said.

Peggy Skiano, a youth ministry worker and part-time secretary at St. Michael's, said she believes the new pontiff will carry on in manner of John Paul II.

"For me, that is a good thing because I very much like the teaching of John Paul and what he wrote," she said.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Virginia Johnson, the organist at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Encinitas.

"I think it is just wonderful ---- he's just like John Paul II and I back him 100 percent," she said.

As for the segment of American and other Catholics who want to see an easing of the restrictions on birth control and allowing priests to marry, Johnson said that would be a violation of long-held church tenet and those that don't like it should find another church.

When news came Tuesday morning that the smoke coming from the Vatican was white, signaling that new pope had been elected, officials at St. Francis of Assisi School in Vista had teachers in all the classrooms turn the televisions on so the children could watch. They stayed tuned as the 265th pope was introduced to the world.

"We were all glued to the TV," said Carol Williamson, the office coordinator at the school.

The school has held campuswide rosaries each day since the passing of the pope, Williamson said, adding that the rosaries will continue through May.

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Clues to new papacy seen in name

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By BETTYE WELLS MILLER / The Press-Enterprise

Theologians who have studied Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's writings say the man named Tuesday as the 265th pope is unlikely to stray from conservative Catholic teachings on issues such as abortion, birth control, divorce and homosexuality.

But the 78-year-old German cardinal's desire to be known as Pope Benedict XVI might signal his intention to heal a divided global flock and assert the church as a force for world peace, the theologians said.

"The pope's name is the first message he gives us," said the Rev. James Fredericks, associate professor of theology at Loyola-Marymount University, a Catholic university in Los Angeles. "If Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger had chosen John Paul III, no one would be surprised. It would signal he was going to continue with the policies we've had. If he had chosen Pius ... no one would be surprised, because (Pius X) was a theologically conservative pope. Instead he went out of his way to choose Benedict."

Pope Benedict XV, who followed Pius X and served from 1914 to 1922, worked to end

infighting in the church and to heal a continent ravaged by World War I, said Fredericks and the Rev. Ron Pachence, religious studies professor at the University of San Diego, another Catholic university.

"Benedict XV's first encyclical called for healing the wounds in the church so the church could act as an instrument of peace in Europe," Fredericks said. "What the new pope may be saying is, 'I know what my reputation is. Let's heal divisions, because the world needs our service.' ... The suggestion at least is, 'Don't expect me to be as hard-line as was as a cardinal.' "

Pachence said Benedict XV also was interested in reconciling with Eastern Orthodex churches, which split from Rome in the 11th century, "which may suggest this is something that is an agenda item with this pope, to build a bridge with Eastern churches."

The new pope faces huge challenges, theologians said.

Many Western Catholics, particularly in the United States, disagree with traditional church teachings on abortion, birth control, euthanasia, stem-cell research and the death penalty. A global priest shortage has prompted calls for the church to permit married priests and create new opportunities for women in ministry.

And there is continuing pressure for the church to do more to acknowledge some of its difficult history with Muslims and Jews, and to continue the efforts of John Paul II to reach out to people of other faiths.

Dr. Mustafa Kuko, director of the Islamic Center of Riverside, said he is encouraged that as a cardinal, Benedict XVI established an Islamic studies program at the Vatican.

"I hope the new pope will continue on the same line of the last pope in reaching out to Muslims, Jews and others," Kuko said by phone.

Rabbi Harold Caminker, of Temple Beth El in Riverside, said he is concerned whether Benedict XVI will continue the interfaith conversations with Jews that John Paul II began.

"Pope John Paul II left the second-finest record in the history of the papacy," Caminker said by phone. "The finest was John XXIII, whom I loved dearly. I was a bar mitzvah boy in Detroit when I heard the pope say the Jews didn't murder Christ. That was major. I and the Jewish people are forever in his debt."

The rabbi said he hopes the new pope will go to Jerusalem, visit synagogues and welcome rabbis to the Vatican.

Fredericks said Benedict XVI likely will proceed with caution when it comes to interfaith dialogue.

"There have been some Catholics who have bought into the secular view that all religions are really saying the same thing and all religions are equally valid as ways to salvation," he said. "The new pope vehemently opposes that position."

Still, the new pope will have to respond to growing religious diversity in Europe and elsewhere, Pachence said.

"The fact that cardinals elected a European may suggest they think the real needs of the Western church have to be met," he said, even though two-thirds of the world's Catholics live in Latin America and Africa.

"In Europe, the issue to deal with is the influx of Muslims. John Paul II started that outreach," he said. "Now the new pope is going to have to deal with how does the church relate to other religions, particularly Islam."

Europe is not the stronghold of Christianity that it once was, Pachence said. "He's going to want to shore that up."

As for married priests, it's hard to predict how the pope might respond, Pachence said.

"The priest shortage is a very big issue here at home," he said. "It's even worse in South America. If there is no priest there is no Mass, and Mass is the heart and soul of the Catholic tradition. To deny the Catholic tradition for the sake of celibacy doesn't make sense to a lot of people. It's one reason evangelical Protestantcy is making big inroads in South America."

The new pope is not likely to change his conservative doctrinal positions, Pachence said.

"When it comes to social justice issues, I suspect he will be like the former pope -- very liberal, critiquing the capitalist system, speaking out for the rights of the poor, against the death penalty except in extreme circumstances," the priest said. "John Paul was very much against the conflict in Iraq and the first Gulf War. I think Ratzinger will be, too."

The election of Ratzinger is significant for Protestants as well as Catholics in part because of his voluminous writings about the person and nature of Jesus, the beauty of God, and the nature of the church as a source of healing and mission in the world, said John Witvliet, director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Although many people believe that Benedict XVI will continue to centralize control over the church in the Vatican, Pachence said it's possible that he will return to more moderate views he held more than a generation ago.

"He championed collegiality," said Pachence, who studied the writings of Joseph Ratzinger as a seminary student in the 1970s. "Who knows? Now that he has free rein he may try to be more moderate in his governance of the church."

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'No time for glorifying and exalting': Two perspectives

By Arthur Jones

"This church will survive as a whole only if it has the vision and the strength to become a discipleship of equals," says theologian Maria Pilar Aquino in an interview with NCR's Arthur Jones. Meanwhile, ethicist Christine Gudorf tells Jone that today's issues are "tough, and the church doesn't recognize it."

This is no time for glorifying and exalting, feminist theologian says

Maria Pilar Aquino, the daughter of migrant farmworkers, grew up "with a thirst for knowledge and a passion for theology." The young woman from Nayarit, Mexico, who moved with her parents to San Luis, Ariz., as a young girl Cesar Chavez active in nearby fields, and nuns as role models. For several years she was a member of a Frene order, the Society of Helpers.

Decades later, when Aquino, who has a doctorate in theology and teaches religious studies at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, takes stock of the Catholic church following the death of a pontiff, she compares it with a generation earlier.

"What best reflects the identity of the church," she said, "is rooted in biblical principles and the long-standing Roman Catholic tradition of being with the poor. We see in the past 20 to 25 years a detachment of the church from the concerns of the people.

"During the early years of John Paul II's pontificate, his initial two major social encyclicals *Laborem Exercens* (1981) and *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (1987), which advocated for the dignity of work, the primacy of labor over capital, global justice and solidarity, seemed to confirm that the church was oriented toward transformation and renewal," she said. "But these hopes were soon suffocated and turned into despair.

Strong signs of theological intolerance and of rigidity in the exercise of power emerged in his first decade, she said. "During his (1983) visit to Nicaragua, the pope refused to listen to the cries of thousands of mothers who pleaded for his intervention for justice for their children who'd disappeared or were tortured under the Somoza dictatorship." That same year, she continued, in El Salvador, John Paul "was very clear in his refusal to recognize that the impoverished Salvadoran people had acknowledged and proclaimed Archbishop Oscar

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Today's issues are 'tough, and the church doesn't recognize it,' says thicist

Christine Gudorf travels the world to meetings that support women. At home -- she's an ethicist at Florida International University, Miami, a state university -- many women, including her ex-Catholic graduate and undergraduate students, ask her, "How can you remain in this church?"

One answer, said Gudorf, is that she hopes things will get better in the next pontificate. The other is that in some peopl Catholicism is so deeply held, so extensive in their lives and being, that leaving is as hard as staying -- even when the church deteriorates into its present dysfunctional divide.

"I'm the oldest of nine children," she said. "My father built tl grade school that I went to, and the rectory garage. We said family rosaries. I'm the only one of the nine of us who is still in the Catholic church."

In a Catholic setting, such as Xavier University in Cincinnat where Gudorf taught for 15 years, she would be called a theologian. In Protestant circles, she said, " 'ethicist' is better recognized as being separate from theology. The change that John Paul II brought about is the reason I'm no longer at Xavier, it was no longer a safe place for someone like me, in ethics, who specialized in sexuality." She left in 1993, "entirely voluntarily. My colleague, Paul Knitter (theologian and international expert on interreligious dialogue), was already getting a great deal of heat.

"The (Xavier) university's academic leadership was very supportive of academic freedom. But I'd get calls from the development office informing me that some big donor had just withdrawn a pledge because of some lecture I'd given," said Gudorf. "We got a new president, a Jesuit. It was clear I had a problem with women, and he tended to be very orthodox and expected the theology department to toe the Amulfo Romero as 'St. Romero of the Americas.'

"To this day,' she said, the pope "has canonized 482 saints, but he has never acknowledged the life, work, martyrdom, and powerful presence of St. Romero of the Americas."

Aquino said the direction taken by the hierarchical church in nearly 30 years of "a long and controversial pontificate" was a "source of frustration for thousands of women and men in the church, and many of them express this openly and publicly through their scholarly writings or through personal opinion."

Aquino then spoke of the pontificate's toll on the Catholic image, on Catholic universities and colleges, and Catholic life. "My more than two decades of experience in the classroom provides extensive evidence of disinterest, disappointment, and frustration," she said.

She further asked: "How are we Roman Catholic theologians expected to teach about the pertinence and validity of 'Catholic theology' when we are confronted on a daily basis with young students whose knowledge of the church has come through the news media speaking about the priests' sexual abuses, about unjust censorship against prominent Catholic theologians, about sexist Vatican policies and declarations, or about the abuses of power by the authoritarian Roman curia? I am aware of the difficulty of finding any reasonable and credible response to this question given the current panorama of the church."

Continued Aquino, "Each passing year it is becoming more and more difficult to teach 'Catholic theology' or 'Catholic social teaching,' I am faced with younger generations who have barely or never heard about the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), or the conclusions of the Latin American bishops at Medellin (Colombia, in 1968). Contemporary youth increasingly finds it difficult to accept a Vatican-directed doctrinal content that is highly essentialist and speculative" she said.

Elsewhere, she said, during this ponitificate, while the postcollege generations of Catholics "in the rich and highly developed countries abandoned the church, or joined movements and organizations that dissent from the official teaching, a large segment of grass-roots Catholics in the socalled 'Third World' contributed to the increased membership in 'born again' fundamentalist churches by moving to them." Many other Catholics have simply chosen "self-exile from Roman Catholicism in order to preserve a minimum of mental and spiritual health," she said.

"The traditional structure of seminaries for priestly formation crumbled due to the decreasing appeal of a 'priestly vocation' to younger generations," meanwhile, she continued, "the religious practices of large communities in nations traditionally Roman Catholic have become rather dispersed or monotonous; the impoverished and excluded majorities of these nations find neither support nor inspiration in the line."

The ethicist said her "initial introduction to the whole silencing issue' was that she was a teaching assistant in graduate school for Gustavo Gutierrez. "He has spent years and years and years harassed by Rome, and basically it's whi drove him into the Dominicans, which I think is just sad. Th: the man in his late 70s should be driven into a religious orde when one of the things he had been most proud of in his whole life was that he had demonstrated that secular clergy i Latin America could be intellectuals."

Asked what she could say as a theologian 15 years ago in a Catholic university that she'd be unable to be forthright abou today, she immediately went to John Paul's "entirely new definition of the 'ordinary' and the 'extra-ordinary' in medica ethics. That was just incredibly awful." (see Artificial Nutrition, Hydration: Assessing Papal Statement, Thomas A. Shannon and James J. Walter, NCR April 16, 2004).

Gudorf speaks from heart-rending experience. "Two of our three sons have serious birth defects. One died in October. Some years ago we decided that because some bishops were very conservative about this issue we would not use Catholic hospitals for these sons. They've both been in situations whe they've been comotase for some days. And we knew what we going to happen. And they did not want and we did not want to have them in a vegetative state for years at a time."

When asked about Catholic women who have left the church during this pontificate, Gudorf said, "Oh, my goodness, I have a graduate class last night. I teach in Miami, something like 70 percent of our students are Hispanic. Most of them born Catholic." At the graduate level, she said, perhaps 20 per cer still have some lasting allegiance to or formal practice in the church, and the undergraduate level, perhaps 30-35 per cent.

She recalled a lunch meeting a few months ago with the new crop of teaching assistants at the graduate level, five women "It turned out they were all born and raised Catholic. I'd no idea," she said, "because of their studies: Native American studies, Buddhism, etcetera. It was the same as in class, they wanted to know why I'm still in the church. I tell them it gets harder all the time.

"I'm teaching this class on the medieval church. It used to be cancelled all the time because there's so little interest in the church, the Catholic church. They all want something exotic I renamed it 'Saints, Witches and Cathedrals.' In the last thre or four years I get 70 to 80 students in this class. It just says something about how easy they are to manipulate," she said, with a laugh.

"Such responsibility," said Gudorf, "I bet you 25 people in this class are going back to Catholic churches, at least initially, on the strength of my words. It's scary because God knows what they're going to get. I had a student last night hierarchical church because it has relinquished its prophetic commitment. Also, the intractable patriarchal nature of the Roman Catholic ecclesial institution is deterring many women around the world. This panorama is not encouraging."

Globally, she said, "many people saw the hierarchical church of the past quarter-century and more as an institution, an absolutist monarchy, that lacked transparency as it operated among others nations in the halls and meeting rooms of the United Nations and elsewhere exerting what influence it could through its Department of State.

Large numbers of Catholic scholars and intellectuals, she said, show a clear "rejection of the outdated, imposed, and one-sided thought patterns of the Roman Curia and the Vatican as a whole. We feminist Catholic theologians profoundly disagree with the intractable position of official Roman Catholicism regarding reproductive rights and women's human rights," she said.

But Aquino is certainly not without hope. "As I see it," she aid, "the last 30 years under the papacy of John Paul II, have been of resistance -- resistance against the Vatican and Roman curial oppression in its obsession to eliminate any trace of critical, liberation thinking. Those years have also been of struggle for a new, democratic and participatory paradigm of church. Perhaps the great achievement of John Paul II is that, through his implementation of pyramidal and centralizing policies, he has unintentionally contributed to widen the space of the church for theological dispute and contestation, thus intensifying the notion of church as a site of struggle."

In many ways, she said, the actions and decisions of the late pope have resulted in "a way of being church that works as a sign of scandal and contradiction" Aquino continued, "these actions and decisions have suffocated the vision of aggiornamento [Italian for "updating"] and renewal promoted by the Second Vatican Council. The model of church promoted by John Paul II was widely characterized by authoritarianism, centralism, conservatism, imperialism, and by mono-culturalism, as consistent with the patterns of dominant male-centered Western-European Christianity. He fashioned a non-participative church where the clerical structure and sexist hierarchy had primacy. He sought to deactivate any theological discourse based on the option for the poor and the oppressed, and he showed no inclination nor will to discuss issues of the full participation of women in all spheres of the church's life."

During the early years of his pontificate, she said, many people around the world had raised hopes about the church preparing the conditions for engaging in a process of internal structural transformation. "In my view," Aquino said, "these hopes developed on the grounds of three major notions that supported the understanding of the church's mission and identity in the contemporary world: come back in during the break. She approaches me and she said, 'You know I stopped going to church years ago. But thi class has kind of turned me on and made me see that there an some really important things there. And I realized, a total surprise to me,' she said, 'but I missed the Eucharist.'

"So," said Gudorf, "she'd gone back to church. 'It was awful. Awful,' the student said. 'They set up a big screen and projector in church for the homily, and then we had to listen to some guy trying to convince each family to give \$125 for this collection for the mission.' "

Gudorf continued, "The student said, 'You know, I'm in sales. That's what my work is. I recognize a spiel when I see and this was really offensive.' Another student who went bac to church told me, 'Oh, it was all about how we should all imitate Mary and be silent because that's what's appropriate for women.' And then they say to me, 'How can you do it?' And I said, 'well, I walk out of about one in three sermons.'

The ethical issues of the day, said Gudorf, are "tough, and th church doesn't recognize it." She gave as an example an email she'd received from a young woman who's taken one of Gudorf's sexuality classes. The student has two children, the father committed suicide two years ago. She wrote that she was four weeks pregnant by a man she'd been seeing for thre months. Said Gudorf, "The woman is still in school and working, too. 'This is not necessarily a permanent relationship,' the woman wrote. 'It's early days, we can't see each other very often.'"

Gudorf said, "She said, 'Intellectually I think I want an abortion. But I don't know if I can live with it.' One of the questions she asked me was, 'What can you tell me?'

"I thought, oh, my God, so what am I going to tell her? Go see your parish priest?" "Gudorf said, "I told her that everybody has to make decisions for themselves. I can only point out some of the reasons on both sides. And that I advised her that whatever she did, she should do some praying about it. That she should think ahead to the future if she decides to have the child, to what kind of a mother she thinks she can be to this child. If she decides to go for an abortion, she should find some way to ritualize it so that she accepts her own decision and deals with this and doesn't just desperately try to forget it. What angers me so much about tl church position is they don't recognize that it's so tough."

She gave another example. Earlier this year she gave a series of lectures on the status of women in Abrahamic religions th the State Department supported in Indonesia, to Catholic women theologians and pastoral ministers from Mongolia through Myanmar.

"There were about 65 women and two, three, four, five from each country, India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Cambodia. One woman from Mongolia." Said Gudorf, "they're very involved in supporting women in the Catholic church organizing lay

- Vatican II's Gaudium et Spes, that by scrutinizing the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel, the church seeks to respond to the perennial questions that humanity asks about itself and makes its own the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of our age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted.
- Paul VI's Evangelii Nuntiandi (1975), that there is "a profound link between Christ, the church and evangelization. ... The church, as the bishops repeated, has the duty to proclaim the liberation of millions of human beings, many of whom are her own children -- the duty of assisting the birth of this liberation, of giving witness to it, of ensuring that it is complete," that this mission for liberation includes engaging in every struggle to "overcome everything which condemns [people] to remain on the margin of life: famine, chronic disease, illiteracy, poverty, injustices in international relations and especially in commercial exchanges, situations of economic and cultural neo-colonialism sometimes as cruel as the old political colonialism"
- And from the challenging and seldom remembered document, *Justice in the World* (1971), when the World Synod of Catholic Bishops, stated, "action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel,"

"Today, instead, the Roman Catholic church is to me a site of struggle," she said. "This church will survive as a whole only if it has the vision and the strength to become a discipleship of equals as a whole. The major concern of the Roman Catholic church should not be that of exalting and glorifying any pope's figure, but that of radically transforming the structure of the papacy and the relationship of the Vatican State to the world. Only by doing that can the church demonstrate that it continues being faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ." women around issues like violence against women. Maybe three of them were not only theologians but lawyers. And some of them do tribunal work especially freeing women from abusive situations. But they're really about the right of women to do theology.

"One Indian women," she said, "has been silenced by her bishop. She's a beautiful writer, and poet. And the reason he silenced her that is she's married to a Hindu -- although they raised their children in the Catholic church and her husband knows as much Catholic theology as the bishop, which really upsets him. The bishop said she had to quit writing because her personal life -- simply because she was married to a Hindu --was not an example for others."

Asked "Where are we as church now that the pontificate has ended?" Gudorf replied, "I don't know. At the beginning of the pedophilia crisis I thought maybe this would turn out to I the beginning of something. Even if only for economic reasons the laity would take control of their own parishes. That they would have more power in the assignment of priests, more power in the personnel committees that that might introduce some changes. I guess there is some potentia in that. I just don't know if there's enough engaged laity left i do it.

"The whole Vatican II period," concluded Gudorf, "was a kind of Protestant Reformation in that it engaged the laity in theological questions that they hadn't been involved in befor What John Paul did was to end that, because it didn't make any difference what the people said. So now, theology doesn matter to them."

Reverting back to Gudorf's own situation, her hope for improvement in the new pontificate. If the situation doesn't improve, what will she do?

"If it doesn't?" she said. "I don't know what -- I really, really don't."

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The pontiff's death creates a rush for books by and about him

By Mark Sauer, STAFF WRITER

ngela Durr's mission to find books by and about Pope John Paul II took her to a likely place — Pauline Books and Media in Clairemont, a bookstore run by the Daughters of St. Paul.

"I'd like to learn more about the man, about his faith and his writings," said Durr, a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi in Vista, as she perused the shelves. "But there's not a lot here at the moment."

Durr's discovery has been repeated at bookstores throughout San Diego and across the country in the days since the pontiff's death. Everything John Paul II is flying off the shelves. Booksellers at local Borders and Barnes & Noble stores sang from the same hymnal early this week: Voracious John Paul II readers had moved through like clouds of locusts.

"We don't have much left," Pat Gasior, manager of the Barnes & Noble store at Grossmont Center said Monday. "We're hoping to get more in by the end of the week; big displays on pope books are planned for all of our stores.

"Both Time and Newsweek have the pope on their covers, and they are also selling very well."

Within 72 hours of John Paul's death, his five books — "The Way to Christ," "Memory and Identity," "Pope John Paul: In My Own Words," "Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way," and "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" — were among the top sellers on Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com. Another hot title is "Witness to Hope," a biography of John Paul by Catholic theologian George Weigel.

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Though John Paul was considered especially prolific, books by popes and collections of their writings and teachings are not uncommon.

Popes throughout history have been literary men who were generally conversant in several languages, noted Terence Mc-Goldrick, a professor of theology and religious studies at the <u>University of San Diego</u>.

"Pope John XXIII's memoir, 'Journal of a Soul,' was an intimate account of his praye life, his interior life with God," McGoldrick said. "John Paul II, though, was noted for his personal dialogue with the world.

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"Two of his books were discussions and question/answer sessions with journalists and others, almost fireside chats about his philosophy and personal experiences. These almost friend-to-friend discussions are unique among the works of popes."

Pauline Books was busy as soon as the news of John Paul's passing was announced midday on Saturday.

"Our books are about wiped out, and so are the posters of him that we carry," said sales associate Veronica Chong. "We're rushing to reorder and restock now."

Durr put an order in for "Memory and Identity," the pope's last book, published last month in the United States. She said the only thing related to him that she already has at home was "something published by *Life* a few years ago."

"I believe there was a lot more to him that has not been published and will come out now after his death," she said. "Some say he was a mystic. I want to know more about what was inside of him."

After being elected in 1978, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and 10 apostolic constitutions, plus countless letters, homilies and messages as part of the Roman Catholic

Church's doctrinal teaching. "These are the thoughts of the Holy Father on particular topics, including human rights, justice, human life, family life, as well as particular aspects of the Catholic Church, such as the Eucharist," said Sister Frances Obrovac of Pauline Books and Media.

"We carry many of these in booklet form, and they are quite popular."

John Paul was pope when the Internet exploded, and he was not afraid to encourage use of it in spreading his message worldwide, Obrovac noted.

"We often refer readers to the Web site www.johnpaulpapacy.com, which has a multimedia presentation of his life, summaries of his teachings and numerous links to many other resources," she said.

Beyond theological treatises, John Paul entered the realm of popular books with 1994's "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," which sold 20 million copies internationally.

In it, he answered controversial questions from an Italian journalist, such as, "Why does God tolerate suffering?" and "What is salvation?"

In his books, the pope revealed the challenge of preparing for the priesthood secretly in Nazi-occupied Poland ("Gift and Mystery"; 1996) and how, as a bishop, he fought for religious freedom under communist domination ("Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way"; 2004).

John Paul even published a slim volume of his poetry in 2003, which has also seen renewed interest, ranking in the top 25 on amazon.com and the top 20 on Barnes&Noble.com yesterday..

"The catechism of the Catholic Church has been marked by his experiences in Poland under the Nazis and communism," said McGoldrick. "He was a bishop in enemy territory of a persecuted church. His experience was Poland's experience, which is why (the Poles) loved him so.

"His message was that the human heart cannot rest until it rests in God. For him, the proof of God's existence was the human need for God."

John Paul did a lot of reflection on "the person, especially the state versus the person and the importance of the person over the state — the opposite of communism," McGoldrick said.

"He believed the integral per-

son reveals himself through actions, which is why he traveled the world to see people and be seen by people. His personal thoughts and teachings within his writings were a reflection of that."

News service reports contributed to this story.



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Catholics worldwide mourn death of Pope

By Jen Rasmussen EDITOR IN CHIEF

> he bells that toll at the Immaculata at noon every day will continue until the

official mourning period for Pope John Paul II has ended.

Last Saturday, the 84 year-old Pontiff died of septic shock and cardiocirculatory collapse in Rome. Tens of thousands of mourners from around the world traveled to the Vatican to pay their respects. The loss has affected students at <u>USD</u> as well.

"We are tying remembrance of the Pope into our normal schedule of events," said Mike Mc-Intyre, Director of Uni-

versity Ministry. There will also be a special mass of remembrance tomorrow, on the same day as the Pope's burial. The service will take place in Founder's Chapel at 12:10 p.m.

Many Catholics cannot remember any other Pope than John Paul II. He is remembered not only as the Pope with the thirdlongest term, but as the first non-Italian Pope in 431 years.

In addition, many Catholics and non-Cathoto same have been outspoken in practice this Pope for the communication to peace and equal "One of the contributions of this Pope has been [his work to] try to heal some of the wounds and divisions between Catholicism, Judaism and Islam," said Dr. Maria Pascuzzi of the theology and religious studies department. "He has been a zealous and untiring advocate of the rights of the poor."

Beginning late next week, Cardinals from all over the world will meet in the Sistine Chapel to begin the lengthy process of choosing the next eader of the Roman Catholic church. Religious scholars and media sources have begun discussing

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RAY GALVAN

USD students, staff and community members gather in Founders Chapel Sunday night to remember the life and work of Pope John Paul II. Tomorrow's 12:10 p.m. mass will also incorporate the life of the Pontiff into the regular program.

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San Diegans pack churches to share prayers, memories

By Mark Sauer

STAFF WRITER

Church bells are tolling the sad news across San Diego this morning as Catholics here join their brethren around the world to mourn the passing of Pope John Paul II.

Some wept as they prayed or lighted votive candles; others busied themselves preparing for evening Mass or draping photos of the late pontiff in black cloth yesterday. They reflected on the legacy of John Paul, who for more than a quarter century led the world's 1 billion Catholics, including more than a million locally.

The Rev. Edward Traczyk, pastor of St. Maximillian Kolbe Polish Mission in Pacific Beach, told callers in Polish and English of plans to honor the pontiff with prayer services all this week.

"What we have on top of being Catholic is also that we are Poles. There's some closeness to him because he was one of us," said Traczyk, who is from a city 50 miles south of Krakow, Poland, where

John Paul was once cardinal.

At a Mass celebrated in Polish last night, a somber-faced congregation packed the chapel and spilled over into the entryway. They wanted to be with their countrymen, even if their regular churches are elsewhere.

"When someone close to you passes away, you come to church and pray," said Andrew Wrobel, a native of Warsaw, Poland, who lives in La Jolla.

Although the pope's health had long been in decline, many local Catholics said they were surprised by the depth of their own emotions upon hearing of his death.

In Tijuana, hundreds of people gathered inside the downtown Catedral de Guadalupe to light candles and dedicate prayers to John Paul.

Angela Hernández Martínez sobbed after lighting a candle. She once traveled to Mexico City to hear the pope, and she recalled being profoundly moved when he walked just a few steps from her.

"He is like a father to me," Martínez said, "and I felt such beautiful things even though I only saw him for an instant.'

San Diego Roman Catholic **Bishop Robert Brom frequently** visited with the pope, most recently in May at the Vatican.

"He was tremendously charismatic," the bishop said yesterday, adding that John Paul's "magnetism was due to the fact that his faith was so well defined."

"In our many visits together, I came to understand that the only other person with that kind of charisma was Mother Teresa," said Brom, whom the pontiff elevated to bishop in 1983.

San Diego Auxiliary Bishop Salvatore Cordileone remembered standing in St. Peter's Square on the October night in 1978 when Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was introduced as pope.

A cloudy sky turned clear just before the new pope emerged, and Cordileone, a young Catholic seminarian studying in Rome, remembered feeling that "something great was happening."

When it was clear who had been elected, the response was a mixture of excitement, joy and uncertainty, particularly among Italians, who were looking at the first non-Italian pope in more than 41/2 centuries.

"It didn't take long for them to take to him," said Cordileone, who has spent 15 years in Rome, either studying or working at the Vatican. He met John Paul about a dozen times. Once, when he celebrated Mass with the pope, Cordileone was struck by the "depth and intimacy of his prayer.'

The Rev. Henry Rodriguez, pastor at St. Jude's Shrine of the West in South Crest, also has treasured memories of the pontiff from the three years the priest spent at a seminary for Americans in Rome. Rodriguez personally served John Paul several times, carrying his miter and acting as a cross bearer.

"He was gifted in many languages, and he would always speak to me in Spanish, knowing I was of Mexican descent."

At Most Precious Blood Church in Chula Vista yesterday, a women's retreat was under way when the pope's death was announced. The Rev. Frank Wagner, a fellow Pole, credited the Holy Father with uniting the world in prayer, regardless of religious background.

"He made the world his parish," Wagner said. "He prayed with other people and respected other people."

Wagner celebrated a special Mass with the 60 or so women involved in the weekend retreat last night and said a special prayer would be recited today during each of the church's six Masses.

"It's like losing a friend, but

more like losing a family member," said Wagner, tearing up.

A dark veil hung over a portrait of the pope at St. Kieran Catholic Church in El Cajon, where about 200 prayed and reflected on his passing.

"What a wonderful man he was. He inspired so many people," said 78-year-old Rita Davis of El Cajon as she was leaving the service.

She remembered when she and her late husband visited the Vatican and saw the pope presiding over a service in the early 1980s. She said it was one of the highlights of her life.

The St. Kieran service drew a cross-section of Catholics, young and old. Fathers held infants. Elderly citizens used canes or walkers. A group of Chaldean nuns paid their respects. A local Mormon family donated flowers.

John Paul's legacy is not without controversy.

He was a target of criticism for some American Catholics who took issue with many of his teachings that they felt failed to move the church forward, noted Pat McArron, a San Diegan and former national president of Dignity USA, a group of gay Catholics dedicated to church reform.

"We definitely recognize the pope's abilities and accomplishments when it comes to social affairs around the world, but we differ with him considerably on certain moral issues," McArron said.

Jaime Romo, a Catholic from Vista and leader of the San Diego chapter of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, paid tribute to how the pope invigorated the church the most traveled pope in his ry and through his master languages. John Paul also eled forgiveness, Romo-But he was disadored

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On the campus of the <u>University of San Diego</u> yesterday, Lorie Parenti helped place a black drape over a portrait of the pope at the Immaculata Catholic Church. "He was a beautiful, humble man," said Parenti, who had seen the pope at a Mass at the Vatican two years ago.

"He will be missed. But at least he's not suffering anymore."

Most students at the private, Catholic university have known only one pope, John Paul. Many said their memories of him aren't as a vibrant, dashing, globe-trotting leader because he was frail for so long.

Although the pope had a wide international youth following, some of the USD students questioned his views on social issues and most interviewed

said they don't follow all the rules of the church.

Yet some parishioners at Christ the King in Logan Heights, one of the county's most culturally diverse parishes, cited the pope's teach-

rs on tolerance as one of his rengths.

"He said there is love in everybody, no matter that we are different colors or different cultures," Maria Griego said.

Rabbi Martin Lawson of Temple Emanu-El in Del Cerro, involved for many years in the Interreligious Council of San Diego, praised John Paul as "a man who made great strides between the church and the Jewish community."

San Diego Imam Sharif Battikhi, a longtime activist in local interfaith affairs, said the Muslim community will miss the pope.

"In this critical time, we need wise men like him who stand for peace and justice for all over the world," said Battikhi, who runs the American Islamic Services Foundation.

"He was a good man for the whole community."

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San Diegans Prepare For Pope's Passing

Pontiff Said To Be In Grave Condition

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SAN DIEGO -- Catholics attending a noon Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral in San Diego were going to take part in a special prayer for the pontiff at the beginning of the service.



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Other than that, however, the service in the downtown house of worship would proceed as it usually does.

"I don't think anything special will really hap ordinary Mass, we'll probably have more pe concerned about his health and are prayin aid Sister Dina Marie. "It will just be the ming because there's lot of people who are really m."

Sister Dina Marie told NBC 7/39 on Frider rning that there was growing concern about what appears to be a dramatic turn for the worse in ppe's health.

Many Catholics in San Diego are attending church services and Masses because of the 84-year-old pontiff's condition. Other Catholics told NBC 7/39 that they found themselves pausing more often for prayer. On the University of San Diego campus, students said that the pope's health has been a big topic of discussion in and out of the classroom.

Because the pope is already believed to be in grave condition, people are already beginning to reflect on his life and have begun to ask questions about the future of the papacy and of the Catholic Church.

"We all fall in love with the pope," said Sister Dina Marie. "It's strange, but we talk about the pope, who just was here -- how we loved him -- but then the pope passes on, and we get a new pope, and then we rave about him and love him, and, you know, it's the work of God in each of our popes. That's what I really believe."

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The new Christianity?

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By George J. Bryjak

The world's largest religion is on the verge of a major transformation as the center and influence of international Christianity moves from the Northern to Southern Hemisphere. In "The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity," Philip Jenkins argues that this monumental shift is rooted in population dynamics; slow-growth, wealthy Christian nations will be overwhelmed (in terms of both numbers and influence) by fast-growth, increasingly Christian developing countries.

In 1900, approximately 10 million Africans out of 107 million were Christians. By 2003, African Christians numbered 395 million and comprised 47.5 percent of the continental population. Just under 94 percent of Latin America's 535 million residents are Christians.

By 2025, 50 percent of global Christendom will reside in Africa and Latin America and another 17 percent will be in Asia. This latter figure could be significantly higher if the predictions of David Aikman prove correct. In "Jesus in Beijing," the former Time magazine Beijing bureau chief argues that in the next 30 years China's Christian population could swell from 12 million to nearly 400 million. Taking a cue from German sociologist Max Weber (1864-1920), Aikman is of the opinion that Chinese leaders view Christianity (especially Protestantism) as highly conducive to economic growth.

However, it's not the number of followers per se in developing nations that will transform Christendom. Rather, it is the religious orientation of these believers that is pivotal to 21st century Christianity. While churches in the affluent Northern Hemisphere have become increasingly liberal (with the exception of Christian Fundamentalism) over the past 50 years, Christianity in the Southern Hemisphere is decidedly conservative on issues of contraception, abortion, homosexuality, gender roles (most notably the ordination of women in Roman Catholicism) and religious authority.

Jenkins notes that faith healing is a significant component of the new Christianity. Plagued by maladies such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and yellow fever. African churches have constructed "elaborate rituals" around healing practices. In countries where affordable Westernstyle health care is all but nonexistent, hundreds of millions of impoverished individuals rely heavily on spiritual healing. In addition to the scourge of physical disease, environmental degradation and pervasive political and social turmoil can easily lead people to believe "they are under siege from demonic forces and that only divine intervention can save them."

Unlike Christianity in the north that is often limited to an hour-long, Sunday morning service, Christendom in the south is a more "totallife" mind, body and spirit existence. Leaders of an increasingly vocal southern Christianity will call for social and economic justice at the international level. Such talk is likely to fall on deaf ears as the prospect of an egalitarian distribution of global wealth tends to make northern liberal and conservative Christians uncomfortable. The reluctance of northern Christians to "love thy neighbor" via significant economic aid to the south may be the greatest divide between the hemispheric churches.

If Jenkins is correct, the population explosion in the south already has had a profound impact on Roman Catholicism. The Pennsylvania State University history and religious studies professor argues that in the papal election of 1978, Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla won the support of his Third World brethren who would not accept "yet another Western European" as pope. In turn, the new pontiff elevated almost 50 theologically likeminded southern bishops to the rank of cardinal.

Of the 117-member conclave that will choose the next leader of the Roman Catholic Church, 39 are from Third World countries and seven reside in Eastern European and former Soviet states. While these men may not be able to elect one of their own to the papacy, they will certainly have a significant voice in determining who becomes the next pope.

The needs of Third World Catholics are certain to be a high priority for the new pontiff. In the near future, cardinals from the developing world will constitute a majority of voting members in the papal selection process. The same geographic mind-set that kept Italians in the Vatican for almost all of the previous 2000 years may commence a long succession of popes from the Southern Hemisphere.

Jenkins believes that "the critical centers of the Christian world" have moved to Africa, Latin America and Asia," and that the balance "will never shift back." While Jenkins' assessment is likely correct, what shape a southern-dominated Christianity takes remains to be seen. History informs us that modernizing societies become increasingly secular as a concern for "thisworld" activities supercedes a spiritual "other-world" orientation.

Pope John Paul II was painfully aware of this sociological truism when he admonished his countrymen on a 1993 visit to Poland. The pope was of the opinion that the first Iron Curtain country to shed communism (1989) was already showing signs of crass materialism. In the latter half of his papacy he was deeply concerned that the fall of global atheistic communism would be replaced by an equally godless self-indulgent consumerism.

Research by psychologist Shalom Schwartz and his colleagues at Jerusalem's Hebrew University lend credence to the late pope's worst fears about capitalism. Based on survey data collected from thousands of individuals in 40 countries, investigatorsconcluded that an emphasis on wealth, ambition and social recognition conflicted with values supporting strong relationships (loyalty, helpfulness, love) and with concern about the larger community (peace, justice, equality).

Will the conservative Christianity of developing nations eventually give way to the "cult of the individual," arguably the most influential religion in the north, or are we on the threshold of a new Christendom?

Bryjak is on leave as a professor of sociology at the University of San Diego.

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Bush budget betrays veterans

By George J. Bryjak Guest Columnist

Sunday, April 17, 2005 - In his final debate with Sen. John Kerry, President George W. Bush stated that "we're meeting our obligation to our veterans, and the veterans know that ... Veterans are getting very good health care under my administration, and they will continue to do so during the next four years."

The president's pre-election declaration couldn't be farther from the truth.

In his fiscal year 2006 budget proposal, veterans' medical programs would receive an increase of 1.7 percent, significantly less than the 13 percent to 14 percent the Veterans Administration testified that it needs to maintain current levels of service. A substantial portion of this shortfall would have to be made up by veterans whose co-payment for a month's supply of prescription drugs would double from \$7 to \$15.

In addition, some veterans would be required to pay a \$250 "user fee" just to access the VA's health care system. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka noted that increased drug co-payments and user fees will make it "prohibitively expensive" for many veterans to utilize VA clinics and hospitals. The Hawaii Democrat calculated that if the president's budget proposal is passed, more than 192,000 individuals would be forced out of the veteran's health network. The Veterans of Foreign Wars estimates that as many as 220,000 men and women could lose benefits.

The New York Times reports that thousands of Michigan veterans are on waiting lists for medical services, and some reservists returning from Iraq say that they have not received the health care they were promised. A veterans clinic in Pontiac, Mich., has capped new enrollments while cutbacks in an Altoona, Pa., VA hospital are forcing veterans to look elsewhere for medical treatment.

The new budget calls for a reduction of \$351 million in the VA's nursing home program as well as \$104 million in state grants. This translates to 28,000 fewer funded veterans in state institutions in FY 2006 than in FY 2005. The timing couldn't be worse as the number of veterans over 85 years of age is expected to double in the next eight years. Rep. Lane Evans, D-III., is correct in his assessment that the Bush administration "wants to pull the rug out from under our oldest veterans' right at the peak of their need for long-term care services."

Just as thousands of wounded men and women are returning from the Middle East, the FY 2006 budget cuts \$4 million from medical and prosthetic research, bringing to \$53 million cut from this important work in the last two years. The president's budget also calls for eliminating 3,712 full-time medical care employees, mostly nurses.

According to one estimate, up to 17 percent of service personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have mental health issues ranging from anxiety and readjustment disorders to chronic psychological problems, including psychosis. Will the VA have sufficient funds to provide professional counseling for tens of thousands of soon-to-be-ex-service men and women?

Since Bush took office in 2001, the number of veterans appealing a VA medical decision has increased from 87,291 to almost 155,000. With budget-related staff cuts, an already lengthy appeals process will take even longer. How many veterans will become increasingly ill - or die - waiting for a benefits-related decision?

The president's hatchet job of veterans' medical benefits has been denounced by every major veterans organization in the country. American Legion National Commander Thomas Cadmus said: "No active-duty service member in harm's way should ever have to question the nation's commitment to veterans. This is the wrong message at the wrong time to the wrong constituency."

Thomas H. Corey, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America noted that "It does a disservice to those of us who

donned the uniform to defend the rights, principles and freedoms that we hold dear. It does not bode well for those returning from the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Perhaps the most telling remarks of this betrayal were those of John Furgess, VFW commander-in-chief. "The country's 25 million veterans, 2.2 million uniformed members and their families, voted overwhelmingly for this administration last year to make a difference in their lives, yet this budget fails to live up to the nation's obligation to veterans because it doesn't acknowledge that the costs of war continue long after the last shots were fired."

Defending the administration's commitment to veterans, newly appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson said: "We had to make tough decisions. We have to set priorities." It's painfully clear what these priorities are. When the president needs votes, he sports his commander-in-chief jacket and mingles with the troops. But economic decisions reward the only constituency that counts in his administration: the wealthy.

While the proposed VA medical budget is \$3.5 billion short of what that agency needs, United for a Fair Economy, an independent think tank, estimates that between 2002 and 2004, the richest 1 percent of Americans received roughly \$197 billion in tax breaks. In light of the biggest tax giveaway in history, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David Chu had the audacity to say that providing pensions, health insurance and other benefits for military widows and retirees has "gotten to the point where they are hurtful. They are taking away from the nation's ability to defend itself."

The president's callous indifference to the plight of veterans via his FY 2006 budget proposal is nothing more than a rerun of the FY 2005 budget that was \$2.6 billion short of the VA's request. Speaking of the latter proposal, then VFW Commander-in-Chief Edward S. Banas Sr. complained: "This funding package is a disgrace and a sham ... To ask this nation's veterans to subsidize their health care is outrageous. They have already paid for health care with their sweat and their blood."

What could be more damaging to the morale and welfare of the nation's veterans and the source processing the to sabotage their sacrifice by underfunding the VA health care budget? The president's fiscal tolls, we may also both the wealthiest among us and the working and middle-class Americans who defend this compute beyind unpatriotic. It's obscene.

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ESTER, N.H. — A New : judge has ordered the r diocese to submit its child policies and practices to an tate review and said the costs ared by the state and the dio-

ough County Superior Court ol Ann Conboy's March 22 lowed a two-year battle ue attorney general's office iocese over the extent to itate could oversee the effecthe diocese's efforts to prel abuse of minors by church

nber 2002, in exchange for prosecution the diocese give the attorney general's office oversight of diocesan policies dealing with the issue, including annual audits for the next five years. The agreement did not say who would pay for the yearly audits. The diocese and state also differed in their interpretation of how extensive the audits should be.

Conboy ruled that the audit must include instruments to assess the effectiveness of the diocese's child protection programs. The estimated cost of more than \$400,000 is to be split between the diocese and state.

WORLD BRIEFS

Patriarchs plead for unity

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Catholic patriarchs used their Easter messages to call, for Lebanese unity in the wake of a series of bombings in Christian areas. In separate statements, Cardinal Nasrallah P. Sfeir, patriarch of Lebanon's Maronite Catholics, and Melkite Patriarch Gregoire III Laham of Damascus, Syria, addressed the political turmoil in Lebanon since the Feb. 14 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister-Rafik Hariri.

Sfeir called upon the Lebanese "to demonstrate to the whole world that they have come out of tutelage and they are able to rebuild their homeland on a solid base." Laham urged all Lebanese — Christians and Muslims — to be united, as they have been since Hariri's death. "I say to Lebanon, 'Remember your love and your mission. Remember your saints, your history, your scholars and the alphabet from which you created words and communication. Remember the brotherhood that unites you with all the citizens in this country.'" A March 26 bomb blast, which killed two and injured five, was the third attack in eight days; most were in predominately Christian areas.

Romero commemorations begin

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Two prominent theologians inaugurated a week of activities to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar A. Romero. Dominican Fr. Gustavo Gutiérrez, known as the father of liberation theology, spoke about God in Latin America from the perspective of social outcasts. Jesuit Fr. Jon Sobrino spoke of faith in Jesus, liberation and hope.

They addressed some 800 people who filled the auditorium of Central American University in San Salvador March 28. The crowd, which spilled out onto the lawn, included local and foreign church leaders, parishioners, students and social justice activists. *NCR* will have full coverage of the event in its next issue, dated April 15.

Sobrino said that faith often loses its connection with reality. "To follow Jesus is to make Jesus real," he said. He warned against letting the words "justice" and "injustice" disappear from everyday language, especially in political circles.

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STARTING POINT

ES STEPHEN BEHRENS

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I later thought about finding that silver heart on the road. Whatever I had been thinking about no longer mattered. Indeed, the road took on such a different sense with that heart lying there, until someone would pick it up and, one would hope, return it to its owner. I wondered as to the love for which it was carried. I wondered if that love was still alive, or lost, or yet to be, or given away to someone else. I never found out — the silver heart was given back to its owner with all its secrets.

God is tenderhearted for the lost.

Life that wanders is found by God.

The road of life is long and we often lose our way or become discouraged. We easily forget that Jesus walked this road, too.

I like to think he leaves his heart in many places along the way. When we find it, it is meant to be picked up. It is ours to keep, to remind us that as we journey with each other we do that best when we walk with heart. We share who we are with the love God has poured into our hearts. Love eases the miles.

[Fr. James Stephen Behrens is a monk at Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, Ga.]

PEOPLE

Divine Word Missionary Fr. Louis J. Luzbetak, an internationally known anthropologist, died of heart failure



March 22 in Techny, Ill. He was 86. Luzbetak's first book, *The Church and Cultures: An Applied Anthropology for the Religious Worker*, published in 1963, became a widely recognized handbook for mission training. He com-

^{-CNS} pletely reworked the book (Orbis Press, 1988) for a post-Vatican II audience. In 1965, Luzbetak was founding executive director of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

The family of Rachel Corrie, a volunteer with the International Solidarity Movement who was killed by an Israeli army bulldozer in the Gaza Strip two years ago, is suing Israel and the army, asking for roughly \$324,000 in direct damages, as well as punitive damages. In 2003, an Israeli soldier and his commander ran over Corrie, 24, with a nine-ton bulldozer while she stood protecting a Palestinian home slated for demolition. An official investigation ruled the incident an accident.

Gary Macy, a University of San Diego



professor of religious studies and NCR contributor, has received a prestigious National Humanities Center fellowship for the 2005-2006 academic year, which will allow him to pursue research and writing projects. Macy was one of 35 fel-

lows chosen from 534 applicants from across the globe.

Boston Globe reporter Michael Paulson won a third consecutive Wilbur Award for major market newspaper coverage of religion from the Religion Communicators Council. Paulson won for his 2004 coverage of the closings of Catholic parishes. His coverage of the ordination of gay Episcopal Bishop V. Gene Robinson in 2003 and the Catholic church sex abuse scandal in 2002 won Wilburs. The Dallas Morning News and religion editor Bruce Tomaso won best newspaper religion section for the third consecutive year.

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The Bulletin

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Speech examines misogyny's impact on Catholic Church By Jeff Rigby

Sometimes it is necessary to examine the darker aspects of history in order to understand how society has developed over time. Such was the case April 7 when Dr. Gary Macy, professor of theology at the University of San Diego, came to Gonzaga University to speak as part of the Catholicism for a New Millennium series. By Macy's own admission, "misogyny, or the mistreatment of women, is a hard thing to talk about." But he found it important to address the issue.

According to Macy, it is important to understand the history of misogyny in the church, because as the late Pope John Paul II, said so often, "In order for reconciliation and healing to take place, we must recognize the errors and faults of the past for what they are."

It is no secret that the church practiced misogyny throughout the Middle ages. What many people do not know is how misogyny became an official part of church teachings. Macy stated that in the Middle Ages, the simultaneous rediscovery of the writings of Aristotle, the church's growing claims for independence from and superiority over all other governments, and the church creating its first official version of canon law combined to make misogyny an official part of church doctrine.

"Canon law of the time required women to exercise silence, deference and obedience to men at all times," Macy said.

Macy stated that misogyny held that women were the result of a mistake in conception and lacked reason. As a result, they needed to be cared for by men or they would die off very quickly.

In addition, canon law "expressly forbid any woman from serving as a ruler, politician, or judge because of the fact that women were too stupid to understand the law," Macy said.

This resulted in women being excluded from basically all significant decision making positions. Macy argued that the church's worst example of misogyny in canon law blamed women for the fall of Adam, and all the sins that came into the world because of it.

Because women were believed to be solely responsible for the fall, the "canon allowed women to be beaten and starved as punishment for the fall, so long as they were not beaten or starved to death," Macy said.

Macy emphasized that misogyny is not an official part of church doctrine any more. He presented several examples of the church's improvement of the treatement of women. In more recent times it has been shown how women were leaders in the early Christian church and were instrumental in the spread of Christianity. Also, the church formally recognized the great female leaders that are found in the Bible, like Mary Magdalene or Deborah, and their contributions toward making the world a better place.

Certainly there are still differences between the way men and women are treated within the church, and as such, Macy warned his audience to not be fooled into believing that nothing more needs to be done to improve relations between men and women. However, Macy does think that the church is headed in the right direction and if it continues its current path, women will grow closer to men in receiving full equality within the church.

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By Anne Hendershott

the decision to deny a visa to Dora Maria Tellez, a Nicaraguan scholar who had planned to study English at the University of San Diego last fall and teach at Harvard in the spring, has led to campus protests and angry denunciations of the actions of the State Department. More than 100 faculty members and administrators from the University of San Diego, Harvard and Notre Dame signed a letter denouncing the actions of the Bush administration and demanding that the State Department clear the name of Dora Maria Tellez by restoring her human rights.

In denying the visa, the U.S. general consul in Nicaragua, Luis Espada-Platet, indicated in a letter to Ms. Tellez that the Immigration and Nationality Act prevents persons who allegedly endorse or espouse terrorist activity from entering the country. Under the Patriot Act, the federal government has the authority to exclude foreigners who, in the government's view, have used positions of prominence to endorse or espouse terrorist activity.

While Ms. Tellez states that she "is a scholar and not a terrorist," and claims in interviews to have "no idea why I have been labeled," the reality is that in 1978 Ms. Tellez described herself as a "combatant, and guerrilla leader." Ms. Tellez was one of 25 revolutionaries who dressed as waiters and took over Nicaragua's National Assembly. During this time, Ms. Tellez called

No terrorists left behind American universities ignore scholars' radicalism

herself "Commander 2" and served as the political commander in the takeover of the national palace In an impressive show of force, Ms. Tellez held 2,000 government officials hostage in a twoday standoff. She later led guerrillas to rise up in the city of Leon. After the revolution, Ms. Tellez served as minister for health in the Sandinista government. She is a long-time advocate for gay and lesbian rights. The State Department has claimed that the Tellez visa denial is not related to her sexual orientation.

Faculty members from Notre Dame joined their San Diego colleagues in the denunciation of the Tellez denial. Most likely the Notre Dame involvement is related to the fact that last year, Tarig Ramadan was denied a visa to teach there. While the faculty claim that Mr. Ramadan was unfairly linked to terrorist groups simply because his grandfather, Hasan al-Banna, founded the Muslim Brotherhood, the most powerful Islamist institution of the 20th century, the reality is that Mr. Ramadan seems to have developed his own links. Daniel Pipes has pointed out that Mr. Ramadan was banned from entering France in 1996 on suspicion of having links with an Algerian Islamist who had initiated

a terrorist campaign in Paris.

The terrorist links are clear in both cases, yet none of this information is included in the faculty response in either the Ramadan or the Tellez case. Most of the signers of the denunciations are probably unaware of these activities. In fact, in the San Diego case, faculty are reminded that Dora Maria Tellez could not be a terrorist because she had been allowed to visit the San Diego campus in 2001 to receive a prestigious honor from the university. Besides, the university has honored other members of terrorist organizations. In the spirit of leaving no terrorist behind, Luz Mendez, a Guatemalan National Revolution Unity Party member. received the university's 2004 PeaceMaker Award. This, despite the fact that the State Department lists the party as a terrorist organization.

Undeterred by data linking these scholars to terrorist activities, the faculty at Notre Dame, Harvard and San Diego are more likely to blame the Bush administration for attempting to "silence" dissident scholars. They are joined by the American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a Freedom of Information Act request for records about what it described as "the federal gov-

ernment's policy of excluding foreign scholars who have criticized United States policies." Likewise, Jonathan Knight of the American Association of University Professors claims that the activities of the Bush administration raise "very serious questions about the administration's decision to keep out individuals because of their expressed political ideas."

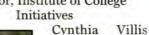
It is not their ideas that are preventing the entry of these scholars; it is their activities. As David Horowitz points out in his book, "Unholy Alliance," an under-appreciated fact about the war on terror is that America had become a base of terrorist operations because the liberties provided by the American legal system have allowed terrorists to travel freely, raise money, propagandize, recruit and move men, women and money across international borders. The administration is addressing this through the Patriot Act. But colleges and universities have yet to learn.

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Monday, April 4, 2005

No longer confidential. City Attorney Mike Aguirre issued a legal opinion on Friday, confirming the right of the public to access certain documents from elected officials.



Voters adopted both state Proposition 59 and city Proposition D last November, which approved provisions in the state constitution and San Diego's city charter to allow greater public access to government documents and meetings.

Aguirre issued his legal opinion in light of a recent public records request by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* seeking permission to view calendars of Mayor Dick Murphy and City Council members. Other local media have also made requests for public officials' calendars, phone records and e-mails.

"Although the public may have had a right of access to these records under prior law, they now clearly do under the new constitutional and charter provisions adopted by voters," Aguirre stated.

You can exercise your right to request and receive government information by contacting your local officials at www.sandiego.gov.

Grounded at the gate. Alan Michael Donatz, the former general manager of JetBlue Airlines in San Diego, was indicted on Friday for allegedly submitting a false application to obtain a security badge for his girlfriend, it was reported.

Federal prosecutors claimed the application falsely claimed that Donatz' girlfriend was an employee of JetBlue so that she could receive a security badge that would allow her unrestricted access to secure parts of the airport. The woman was not, nor ever had been, an employee of the airline.

Donatz was charged with one count of making a false statement to a federal officer and three counts of aiding and abetting the entry to the secure area of an airport by false pretense, according to a release from U.S. Attorney Carol C. Lam.

He keeps going, and going, and going. Green Party presidential candidate and consumer rights advocate Ralph Nader will speak in support of bringing U.S. troops home from Iraq at events in San Diego and Encinitas on Monday.

Nader is touring with former San Francisco Board of Supervisors' member and president Matt Gonzalez, also of the Green Party, in support of ending the war in Iraq.

Nader and Gonzalez will speak along with Navy sailor Pablo Paredes American Political Association, at the World Beat Center, 2100 Park then head north to the La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway For more information, visit www.votenader.org or call (619) 482-9

Award-winning education. Rep. Duke Cunningham, R-Escondi collegiate institutions were awarded education opportunity grant ativo Lopez, member of the Mexican in Balboa Park at 5:30 p.m. Nader will acinitas, where he will speak at 8 p.m.

nounced Friday that five San Diego gh the U.S. Department of Education.

The five recipients -- California State University San Marcos, Palomar Community College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College and the University of San Diego -- will receive funding through a series of programs known as TRIO, which were developed in 1964 to assist low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities in their higher education endeavors.

Name game. The newest undergraduate college at the University of California, San Diego is likely to be named

The Schiavo Case: What Can We Learn?

By LAWRENCE M. HINMAN and MICHAEL KALICHMAN Voice Guest Columnists Published April 25, 2005

The San Diego Center for Ethics in Science and Technology is hosting a public conference titled "The Schiavo Case: Are There Any Lessons?" This event is scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla. The meeting is open to the public and free of charge. Because space is limited, it is necessary to RSVP through the Ethics Center Web site at http://www.ethicscenter.net.

Although Terri Schiavo's death marked the end of her own personal ordeal, it certainly does not mark the end of the national debate on end-of-life decisions. Just the opposite: Terri Schiavo's death marked the next stage of an ongoing national discussion about how to die well. One of the paradoxes of contemporary medicine is that its progress has often come at a high price. In this instance, the life-extending and life-saving power of contemporary medicine has increased the chance that the time of our death will be a choice to be made by those with whom we were closest. A century ago, medicine could do little to stave off the arrival of death; now most Americans must decide when to discontinue the medical battle.

What can we learn from the Terri Schiavo case about this changing medical and moral landscape? Certainly many Americans of goodwill were troubled by what they didn't know. Many felt that the situation would have been morally clearer if there had been a clear and specific written statement of Ms. Schiavo's wishes. Looking to the future, we can see that this is an area of uncertainty that can be minimized, even if not totally eliminated. As we look to the legacy of Terri Schiavo's death, we can agree that the use of advanced directives, durable power of attorney for medical affairs, and increased discussions of end-of-life issues with family and friends will all contribute to reducing the moral indeterminacy of such end-of-life decisions.

Others who observed the Schiavo case found themselves with unresolved questions about her medical condition. How often, if at all, have people in Terri Schiavo's condition recovered, or at least improved significantly? Did she really meet the criteria for persistent vegetative state? What is a "persistent vegetative state"? Given her level of brain damage, what -- if anything -- was she capable of feeling? In what senses did she still have a personal identity or a sense of self? Clearly her body was the same body. Could she feel anything? There is a clear role for the sciences, especially the neurosciences, in clarifying this obscure moral terrain. Good ethics depend on good information, and many observers felt they did not have enough clarity about Schiavo's medical condition. Medicine and science can clarify this landscape, and the news media then have the responsibility of seeing that this information is available to the public at large.

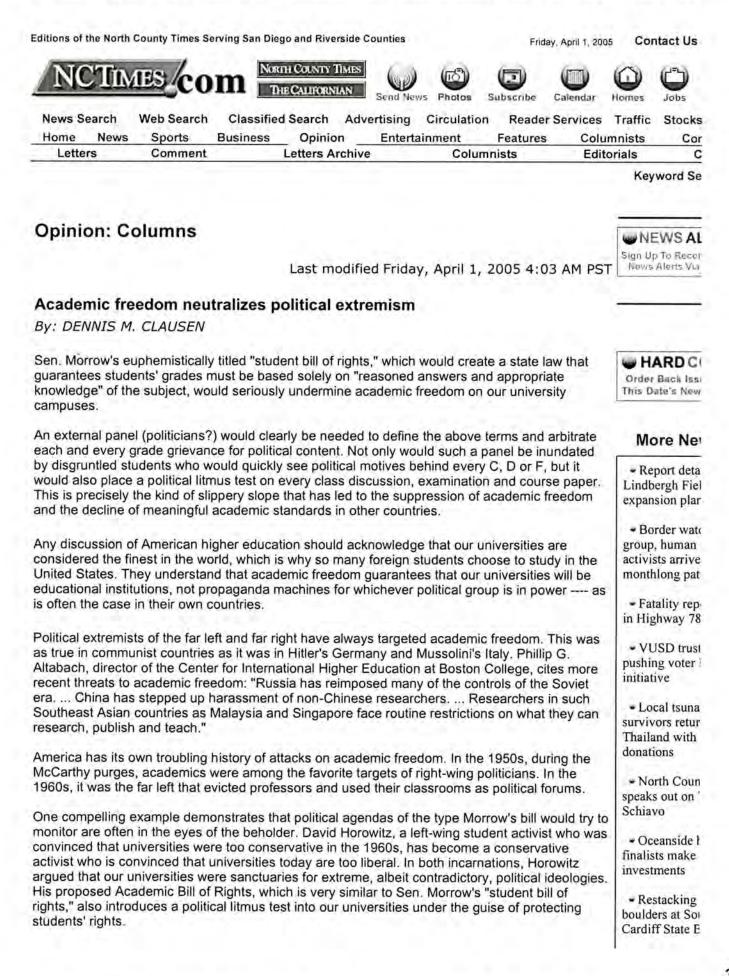
There is another lesson to be learned from the Schiavo case. All too often discussion about tough cases becomes highly politicized. Rather than risking discourse with the "enemy," each side resorts to demonizing the opposition. It is easy to portray this dispute as a showdown between the forces of evil against the forces of good -- and both sides have used this ploy. This has been a difficult case precisely because there are two sides. One side sees this as a battle between those who wish to save a defenseless disabled person from a husband who wants to murder her by starvation. The other side sees this as a case of an embattled husband trying to carry out his wife's final wishes in the face of irrational and politically motivated attempts to advance a pro-life agenda even at the expense of extending Terri Schiavo's agony. The truth of the matter, however, is something more complex and more deserving of our attention. There are intelligent persons of good will on all sides of this debate, and we gain little by concentrating on the demons, no matter which set of demons we choose.

When we begin by demonizing the opposition, we have taken the first step to ensuring no possibility of resolution. However, there is another path: one which is far more likely to result in a positive resolution. Instead of beginning with what divides us, we should begin with our common ground. Is it possible that both sides loved Terri deeply and were concerned with her well-being? Is it possible that both sides wanted what was best for her? Is it possible that both sides believed that it is wrong to cause a person in Tore a condition unnecessary suffering? Is it possible that both sides believed that they were doing what Terri would be a worked them to do? Is it possible that both sides felt that they were saving Terri from a worse fate?

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Political extremists are often neutralized by open debate encouraged in our universities. Conversely, as Human Rights Watch's World Report 2002 points out, "Extremism thrives in countries where assaults on academic for foster a climate of ignorance and intolerance."

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Hopes for recovery amid San Diego's mess

The mayor's resignation may herald a fresh start for a city beleaguered with corruption, scandal, and bills.

By Randy Dotinga | Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

SAN DIEGO - In a city accustomed to the sunny side of life, it's hard to imagine greater municipal mayhem.

A corruption trial could send two City Council members to prison. Banks are scared to pump money into city coffers, and possible bankruptcy looms. Virtually everyone at City Hall seems to be under investigation. And now the mayor is taking a powder, more than three years before his term is up.

At first glance, the July 15 departure of Mayor Dick Murphy, announced Monday, seems unlikely to heal San Diego's tattered reputation. The city is still hundreds of millions of dollars in debt, thanks to a pension-fund fiasco, and its name is still mud among lenders.

But optimists hope new leadership will bring San Diego's warring factions together and make the city of 1.2 million a well-respected player on the national stage. "The role of the mayor is critical. Whether people feel confident in his or her leadership is paramount," says City Councilwoman Toni Atkins, a Murphy critic.

A transplant to San Diego, like many of the city's residents, Ms. Atkins has missed a few of the city's scandals, which have ranged from municipal corruption to savings-and-loan misdoings to a funding debacle that forced Republicans to move their 1972 national convention to Miami. In fact, some observers say San Diego is the most corrupt city on the West Coast.

But that image has largely been limited to local left-leaning critics. Elsewhere, people have mostly linked San Diego to the beach and the sun - and perhaps the Navy - and not much else. "I hate to use the word 'innocuous,' but ... San Diego has never been at the tip of anyone's tongue," says University of San Diego history professor Iris Engstrand.

Until now. The current mess, sparked by bills for huge pension-fund promises, has spawned loads of bad publicity as critics accuse Murphy, a former judge, of being in denial about the city's financial straits at best, and responsible for them at worst. He has defended San Diego and its leaders, but couldn't stave off a final insult: Time Magazine named him one of the country's three worst big-city mayors.

"The city has never been in greater turmoil than it is at the moment, or under great to be the worst period in our history," says Ms. Engstrand.

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Further cutbacks in city services - or bankruptcy - could hurt the tourising the problem of the city flourish economically and retain a low uner the new takes necessary for municipal survival, says Alan Gin, professor of economics at the University of San Diego. "The problems could be dealt with if the right decisions are made," Mr. Gin says.

"Conceivably, the resignation of Mayor Murphy might be a catalyst that could... cause everybody to give up something to try to right this thing."

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If San Diego can be saved, who is to lead the charge after Murphy and his motto - "A City Worthy of Our Affection" - leave the scene next summer? The deputy mayor will automatically take over the top job, but he and another council member face a federal trial over accusations that they took bribes from strip clubs hoping to relax city restrictions.

The council could appoint a replacement mayor, or there could be a special ballot, perhaps a replay of last year's November election, which pitted a last-minute write-in campaign by renegade councilmember Donna Frye against two moderate-to-conservative Republicans.

Initially a long shot, Frye garnered the most votes with a campaign calling for a citywide reality check, but Murphy won after thousands of ballots were declared invalid because voters didn't fill in a bubble. On Monday, Ms. Frye - an environmental activist married to a famous surfer - confirmed that she'll run again, though she doesn't expect a smooth ride.

"It's going to be chaotic for a while, the way politics naturally goes, with a lot of people jockeying for position and trying to play games with one another," she says.

The odds may seem good for Frye: Democrats outnumber Republicans in the city. However, some consider her to be too liberal, too anti-business and too iconoclastic. And history isn't on her side: Moderate-leaning Republicans have managed to control the mayor's office for most of the past 30 years by courting traditional liberal constituencies like gays and labor.

If Frye does become mayor, however, local Republicans will have more than one reason to kick themselves. Before she entered the 2004 mayor race, they pushed for a ballot measure granting new, permanent mayoral powers. It won.

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SHOW & TELL The stars come out for summer at the Old Globe

• **THEATER:** Summer staffing is shaping up at the Old Globe. Here are the latest assignments:

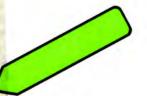
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• Familiar faces, fresh blood and some of last year's favorites are returning as part of the resident company for the 2005 Summer Shakespeare Festival. Darko Tresnjak, artistic director of the festival, has contracted with Bruce Turk and Katie McNichol as well as Charles Janasz and Liam Craig from last year's roster, along with associate artists Kandis Chappell and Jonathan McMurtry. Also on hand for the sixmonth-long gig: Tom Hammond, Wynn Harmon, J. Paul Boehmer, Deirdre Lovejoy, Michael Newcomer and Evan Zes.

The company also will include 11 students from the professional actors training program co-sponsored by the Old Globe and the University of San Diego.

Tresnjak will direct "The Comedy of Errors" and "The Winter's Tale," Shakespeare's early comedy and late romance, with Paul Mullins staging the Scottish play better known as "Macbeth." Dates for all are now firm: "Errors" begins previews June 19 and officially opens July 6; "Macbeth" begins previews June 24 and opens July 8; "The Winter's Tale" previews June 29 and opens July 19. The schedule includes 13 other opportunities for audiences to see all three plays on consecutive nights:

Individual tickets go on sale May 15 at noon. Call (619) 23-GLOBE, go online at www.TheOldGlobe.org or visit the Globe box office in Balboa Park.



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Play looks at van Gogh's preartistic life in London

By: PAM KRAGEN - Staff Writer

Vincent van Gogh's life has been tirelessly documented in books, films and exhibitions, but very little is known about the three years the brilliant-butunstable Dutch painter spent in South London's seedy village of Brixton in the mid-1870s.

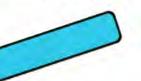
The facts are that van Gogh lodged with Ursula Loyer, a widowed, middleaged schoolteacher, while he sold engravings and paintings for the art dealer Goupil & Cie. Based on his letters home, the 20-year-old van Gogh may have fancied Loyer's uninhibited 19-year-old daughter, Eugenie, or he may have pined unrequitedly for another woman. When he left London in 1876, van Gogh was a changed man. His artistic passion had been ignited and his mental decline had begun.

The mystery of those years is the subject of Nicholas Wright's Olivier Award-winning play "Vincent in Brixton," which will have its San Diego premiere tonight at the Old Globe. Staged in the Globe's Cassius Carter Centre Stage, the London-born play asks what if love ---- not for Eugenie, but her middle-aged mother, Ursula ---- was the spark that ignited Vincent's creative flame?

Richard Seer, who directs the play and runs the Globe/University of San Diego Masters of Fine Arts Program, said there's no factual evidence that Vincent



"Vincent in Brixton" When: Opens April 7 and runs through May 8; show times, 7 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Where: Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Old Globe complex, Balboa Park, San Diego Tickets: \$19-\$55 Info: (619) 234-5623





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"In some ways, they were kindred spirits," Seer said. "She was twice his age, but she was very progressive. She loved art and books and she spoke French. And they both shared depressive periods. After he left, she became incapacitated, and he had begun to see the beauty in common things."	Credible	 'Eros' is sho film trilogy at of the matter Children's f festival opens 8 in Balboa Pa Anything go
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Act 1: school; Act 2: success?

NTC actors get premium preparation By John Moore Denver Post Theater Critic

Thursday, April 14, 2005 -

Joshua Landay's final assignment before receiving his master's degree from the Denver Center's National Theatre Conservatory calls for him only to master a clown and a fool.

But within that seemingly negligible spectrum, Landay must muster every acting tool he has developed at one of the nation's most respected fine- arts schools, one that operates almost entirely outside the public eye.

For while the clown is Shakespeare's Feste, the fool is Robert J. Mathews, founder of a whitesupremacist group whose stated goal was to "annihilate the Jewish race." He ordered the 1983 assassination of Denver disc jockey Alan Berg.

That Landay is Jewish, director Larry Hecht says - "so much the better."

"NTC Rep 2005" opened Tuesday with "Twelfth Night" in repertory with Denver native Steven Dietz's "God's Country" through April 23.

In the latter, Landay is being asked not only to occupy the skin of a renowned hatemonger, but he also must humanize a man blessed with extraordinary charisma but undone by his drive to topple the U.S. government. These kinds of explorations, while difficult, are necessary for Landay and his seven graduating classmates to realize their full potential.

"Those are the great parts, the ones that are the opposite of yourself," said Landay, who turns 24 today. "The people who followed this man revered him as a hero and a martyr. It's a great test for your acting technique to get inside the mind of a person like that with as much truth as you can."

Dietz, who is in Denver to meet the cast, is thrilled his play is being presented by the NTC. "The play changed how I viewed the art of theater - its mandate and possibilities," Dietz said. "And if it can serve in a small way to further the training of the next generation of theater artists, I would consider that a great honor.

"My pal Jimmy Lawless, a founding DCTC member, always used to say to me: 'Dietzey, your generation is going to inherit this art form. Don't let us down.' I hope these students come to realize this inheritance - and this challenge - now falls to them."

The NTC was begun in 1983 at the insistence of Denver Center founder Donald R. Seawell. A national acting college was chartered by Congress in 1941 but was never funded because of World War II. Forty-two years later, Seawell assumed the task and handed it to incoming artistic director Donovan Marley. That job was open only because Ed Call wanted no part of a graduate school and resigned.

The three-year program accepts eight students per year from up to 1,000 who are auditioned in four cities. They are schooled in music, dance, stage combat, auditioning, voice, speech, film analysis, acting for the camera and social dramaturgy. They learn acting techniques from Stanislavsky to Uta

Hagen; courses include acting for specific authors such as Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, Eugene O'Neill and Lanford Wilson.

In their third year, students apprentice with the Denver Center Theatre Company, and they graduate eligible to join the Actors Equity stage union. On May 9, the grads will perform in a nual showcase before New York agents.

The students, currently ranging in age from 22-34, receive full scholarships, in year in tuition plus a weekly stipend that grows to \$280 by the third year; this of the scholarship to about \$103,000 each. Other schools admit up to 45 students cover costs. But the Denver Center pays for everything but housing, about \$000

g \$26,100 per as the total value per year just to 00 per year.

Although located far from the industry nerve center, Hecht said the NTC compares favorably with MFA programs at Yale, New York University, Julliard, the University of San Diego and the ACT in San Francisco.

"In terms of industry connections, it's hard to beat the East Coast mafia," said Hecht, a renowned teacher whose students have included Denzel Washington, Annette Bening, Cate Blanchett and Benjamin Bratt. "But people are coming out of comparable institutions \$120,000 in debt, and unlike a new doctor or a lawyer, an artist starting out that way in a field that has 98 percent unemployment is just stuck."

Landay thought it would be nice to go somewhere removed from New York to get the most out of his training. "To spend three years with one of the best regional theaters in the country, and with the mountains in my backyard, was a nice change for me," said Landay, a Pittsburgh native who graduated from Brown University. "I have the rest of my life to spend in New York."

The NTC and ACT are the last two major MFA programs affiliated not with a college but a regional theater, Hecht said. Performing in DCTC productions gives NTC grads an edge in experience. Many are eventually hired by the DCTC's resident company.

Hecht said the NTC is special because it appreciates each student's uniqueness. "There is no cookiecutter format here," he said. "It's about developing the talent of the individual. They are not all going to turn out to be classically trained stage actors. Some will find their niche on the small screen or in movies. We just don't want to make them all look and sound the same."

Landay's parting thoughts: "You know it's a good program if at the end of three years you can say, 'I know that I've become a much better actor, and I feel as prepared as I possibly could be to move to New York and make this my career.'

"That's exactly how I feel."

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Migrant guest worker ideas are discussed at USD forum

By Leslie Berestein STAFF WRITER

A changing U.S. economy has created growing demand for low-skill, low-wage workers to fill jobs most Americans don't want, yet there are insufficient legal channels for these workers to get here, immigration experts said yesterday at the University of San Diego.

Leading immigration experts from USD, UCSD and SDSU joined political scientist Marc Rosenblum of the University of New Orleans at a public forum sponsored by USD's Trans-Border Institute to discuss the plausibility of a migrant guest worker initiative.

Ideas for guest worker programs that would grant temporary visas to foreign workers have been proposed by the Bush administration and Democratic leaders.

Rosenblum discussed a paper co-sponsored by experts from the three local universities that outlined economic reasons for illegal immigration and how a guest worker program might be implemented.

While there were concerns about the fine points of such a program, the consensus among the experts was that the current policy of deterrence at the border has failed.

This is largely because in the post-industrial U.S. economy, most of the growth has been in service and other lowwage sectors. As a rule, native-born workers are unwilling to take these jobs, but immigrants arewilling. So, certain occupations have become known as "immigrant jobs," Rosenblum said.

Yet visas to enter the country legally for such workers are in short supply, leading to a crush of illegal immigration.

Even as border enforcement budgets have multiplied, there are twice as many undocumented immigrants in the U.S. today as in 1990, the paper stated.

Many of them enter the U.S. with a job already lined up, said Wayne Cornelius, director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UCSD.

Finding a way to regulate this flow of workers through legal channels would require either increasing the amount of green cards issued — a tough political sell — or implementing a guest worker program, Rosenblum said.

The problems with such a program, however, could include effects on U.S. workers' wages, employer accountability issues, and workers overstaying their visas.

Possible solutions, the paper stated, could include wages generous enough not to undercut U.S. workers' pay, and making guest workers' visas portable, allowing them to change jobs if an employer is treating or paying them unfairly.

Not everyone attending the forum agreed that a guest worker program is an acceptable solution.

A force to reckon with

Binational dynamo seeks to rescue children

caught in border sex trade

Marisa Ugarte calls her Mercedes-Benz sedan "The Ambassador," and a passenger might wonder if this envoy is rolling toward a recall. The windows won't open. The sunroof won't close. The back seat is strewn with papers, the floor with cigarette butts — Ugarte buys Pall Mall Lights in the States, Benson & Hedges in Mexico.

Her Dodge Eagle Talon is "The Hootchie." Sportier, not neater.

The two vehicles, Ugarte maintains, "represent the two sides of my personality."

Ugarte, a 5-foot-2 dynamo who admits

SUNDAY April 10, 2005 E The San Diego UNION-TRIBUNE 2 to being "about 53," is selling herself short. As motorized Rorschach blots, two cars are woefully insufficient. To capture all of her sides, you'd need an entire car lot. She's passionate, opinionated, chaotic, visionary, flinty, sentimental, bold, cautious.

That last quality is why, on an overcast March morning, The Ambassador exits Interstate 5 in San Ysidro. Ugarte intends to park her car there, then walk and taxi to her Tijuana offices.

"Security," she confides. "They don't know which car is mine."

"They" are her enemies, the pimps

who sell children to pedophiles on both sides of the border. From its twin bases in National City and Tijuana, Ugarte's nonprofit Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition campaigns against trafficking.

In this global crusade, Ugarte is emerging as a key figure. Reporters from *The New York Times*, CNN, *The New Zealand Herald*, Mexico City's *El Universal* — they've all interviewed her. Last month, San Diego's National Conflict Resolution Center bestowed a Peacemaker award on Ugarte. The citation praised her success in bringing together Mexican and American authorities "to reduce human trafficking for prostitution, child pornography and forced labor rings."

"Don't forget me," she implored diners at the awards banquet. "Because your children may be next."

Even some supporters cringed at this plea. But melodramatic, emotional appeals are part of the Marisa Ugarte package. While she works with lawyers and professors, she insists on thinking and acting — like neither.

"People with Ph.D.s, like myself, we

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play it safe," said David Shirk, the director of the <u>University of San Diego's</u> Trans-Border Institute and a Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition board member. "We don't go out and fight for causes.

"People like Marisa who go out there and stir up people for a cause are not normally going to be people who sit behind a desk for eight hours a day."

Chew on that phrase: *People like Marisa*. Those would be the people who are The Ambassador and The Hootchie, vivid and complex characters whose biographies read like the script from a soap opera's season finale. Especially now, as she faces a moment of promise and peril. Recent federal grants to the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition — \$1.2 million from the State Department and \$500,000 from the Justice Department — will do one wo things:

he money will force Ugarte to her scrappy, grass-roots of nto a polished, professional agency of international importance. 2. Or the strings attached to these

funds will strangle her vision. "For a long time," Shirk notes, "the

BSCC was like a potluck. But there's a difference between hosting a potluck and running a restaurant."

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MySpace connecting kids in North County By: ROB O'DELL - Staff Writer

NORTH COUNTY ---- MySpace.com is fast replacing the Internet chat room for a growing number of North County kids, authorities say.

MySpace.com is an Internet site where people can create their own Web page and post pictures or write a Web log or "blog," which is a sort of Internet diary used to post a user's profile and interests. Users often link their pages with their friends' pages.

The Web site became news after police detained an Oceanside middle school student Monday who posted a threatening message about a potential school shooting. Oceanside police have asked that the district attorney charge the boy with making terrorist threats.

MySpace.com officials said they have no data on how many users are in North San Diego County, though a search of the site retrieved more than 3,000 profiles in a 20-mile radius around Vista. There are about 13.5 million MySpace.com members, company officials said.

Users create their personal Web pages and post comments and pictures, while connecting their sites to the pages of other friends as a way of "social networking."

MySpace.com is the No. 1 social networking site, according to comScore Media Metrix, a firm that ranks Internet sites. In February the firm ranked MySpace.com as the seventh-largest Internet domain in terms of the number of times pages viewed, with more than 4.6 billion.

The site is a free service paid for by banner advertising at the top of the pages. It is owned by the publicly traded company InterMix Media.

MySpace.com has grown in popularity with teenagers in North County and is one of the new ways kids are communicating on the Net.

Becky Smith, a senior at Tri-City Christian High School in Vista, said she uses the site at least every other day to stay in touch and connect with friends.

"A lot of people from school use it," Smith said, adding that about 30 of her friends are linked on the site and use it to stay in touch. "You can write about what's going on at school or with friends."

What are the risks?

One of the potential risks involving a site such as MySpace.com became evident Monday when an eighth-grader at Martin Luther King Middle School was detained for questioning after Oceanside police identified him as the possible author of a threatening message.

The message posted on MySpace.com contained a threat against an unidentified school in San Diego County where the author suggested students would be shot.

Police said the 13-year-old student said he was joking

Bennet Ratcliff, a spokesman for MySpace.com, said all users agree to not to post messages containing nudity, violence or offensive subject matter. It also prohibits the use of last names, addresses and telephone numbers.

The alleged Oceanside threat would be prohibited under the agreement, he said.

The site is intended for people 16 years and older, but many users state that they are 12, 13 and 14 years old in profiles on the site.

Bob Kessinger, the U.S. director of operations for CyberPatrol, a company that markets Internet safety software, said he couldn't find any age verification on the site.

Ratcliff said that the site's user agreement stipulates that users must be 16 years or older and that those found violating the agreement can have their information deleted from the site without warning.

The anonymity and direct access to pictures and personal information posted by teenagers can lead to the potential for problems other than threats, chiefly Internet predators, has add.

"You don't know who is on the other end," Kessinger said. "It does make it easy for people to be anonymous and to lurk. ... Kids don't always realize that not everything is at it appears yon the Web)."

Kessinger said the key is for parents to take steps to understand the Internet and what their kids are doing.

MySpace.com has popular appeal

Safety is a concern and often the focus of how adults view children and the Web, said Susannah Stern, an assistant professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego.

But sites such as MySpace.com have positive uses, Stern said. For instance, she said, kids use their Web pages for self-validation and to experiment with who they are and a style that fits them.

Friends that kids link their Web pages can show expressions of status or popularity, Stern said, that the music and hobbies listed on their page help to identify them as well. Some also may use the site as a dating service.

"It says a great deal about who they are," Stern said. "A lot of these sites are about young people connecting. ... It's the sense of being in touch."

Smith, the high school senior, said her favorite thing about the site is reading other people's blogs and said her friends often use MySpace.com along with instant messenger from America Online or other companies.

Smith, who said she often goes on the Web site in the evening, said she uses it to talk with friends on the East Coast or in the Midwest.

"It's a fun way to stay connected," she said.

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On Xanga, students make their life an open blog

Dear Diary moves online for students, who fill the Web site with the highs and lows of their lives. BY KATHERINE LEAL UNMUTH

The Wichita Eagle

After Morgan McCann was rejected by his top college choice, he didn't pick up the phone and call his friends to vent. Instead, he headed for his family's basement computer and logged onto his Web journal.

On his page, where Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind" always plays and Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra dance in a photo from "Anchors Aweigh," he typed a depressed, profanity-laced post about being rejected from the University of Michigan's musical theater program.

"I just need to use this venue to let some things out, and by doing it this way no one has to indulge me going off verbally," he wrote. "I feel so... miserable right now. I am scared to death. I have never wanted anything more than Michigan in my entire life, as pathetic as that sounds."

Like hundreds of teens in Wichita, when McCann feels upset or elated, he puts his feelings on Xanga.com, free and open to anybody.

Sitting in a jean jacket and jeans in the family computer room on a recent afternoon, McCann, 18, an Andover Central High School senior, was upbeat, having just starred as Kenickie in a "Grease" production. He posted glowing "shout-outs" to all his costars.

"I'll post just about everything that's in my head," he said.

He checked for his friends' newest posts and for "eprops," or comments. Most days he'll spend an hour online, but if he's bored, he'll visit Xanga as many as four times a day, often while instant-messaging friends.

The manic extremes of teen angst and euphoria were confined to diaries in the past, but on Xanga nothing is secret -- except maybe from technology-challenged parents.

While many teens praise it as a good way to vent, such sites can deteriorate into battlegrounds for verbal warfare, called cyberbullying.

But for the most part it is a place for uninhibited self-expression, where teens strain to entertain each other, connect -- and find themselves.

The landscape

While McCann's posts are pretty tame, examples among the Wichita teens blogging their daily diaries range from the wholesome (quotes from the Bible) to the profane (many use the f-word). There are photos from school dances, poetry, recitations of grades and notes on swim practices. But there are also suicidal thoughts and talk of self-mutilation.

The site lets you search for metro areas, including Wichita, and scan a menu of pages. Templates make it easy for even non-Internet-savvy people to create a profile. Teens also join blogrings -- online message-sharing boards -- grouping themselves by categories such as high school, interests, ethnicity and cliques.

Usually they post photos -- McCann posted a photo of himself playing a villain in an Interlochen arts camp opera. Among the icons used by Wichita teens are Tinker Bell, Marilyn Monroe, sports cars, roses, Teletubbies, sunset photos and one grinning, dancing cartoon condom.

Most set their feelings to a soundtrack and colored background.

This is performance art, and all the Web's a stage. Teens post surveys, jigsaw puzzles and jokes.

"In some ways it's like how someone would decorate their room or lockers because it's expressive, artistic," said Susannah Stern, an assistant professor of communication studies at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, "There's this aspect of performing so people will e-mail you, contact you.... That's very much our culture, with reality shows even. We value public revelation."

Lan Ly, 18, a senior at East High School, admits she likes reading about couples' relationships, though she doesn't put that sort of thing on her site. She's often online from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m., while instant messaging and doing homework.

"If they're with someone and they talk about how they care for them, I like reading that," Ly said. "I like reading the surveys and doing them."

Much of the content is rants against parents, friends and school.

Often teens will realize they've gone too far online and will then go back and make the post private, or note that they've added an "edit" to their post.

Ly recalls how she wrote about a fight with a friend online, which resulted in hurt feelings.

"He left a message on my Xanga saying to talk to him personally, not to post it public," she said.

Alex Pepoon, 13, a Robinson Middle School student, said posting news on Xanga is more convenient than placing a phone call or instant message. She can check the sites of 10 friends in just 10 minutes.

She recently posted comments about her interviews to get into the International Baccalaureate program.

"If you get in and put it on your Xanga, that way you're not crowded by people in the hallways at school asking 'did you make it?' " she said. "It's a lot less embarrassing."

Sampling the teens' posts can be absorbing.

Screen names are designed to shock and draw you in, as well as to hide kids' real identities. In Wichita there's "notreallyaskitzo," "urfavoriteterrorist," "punkismymiddlename," "mynameisx" and "homicidalteddybearofur-dreams."

A 10-year-old who goes by the screen name "studlyboi" lists his interests as basketball and babes. A teenage girl relates how she got in trouble for dancing too close to her boyfriend at a school function. An 18-year-old boy advises that it's good to be buzzed, not drunk, at parties. A Wichita State University student refers to her boss as "The Troll." But there are also mundane sites. A 15-year-old girl with wholesome photos talks glowingly about Distributive Education Clubs of America activities and cheerleading. One girl lists her expertise as "getting good grades."

Mostly it's a place for expressing extreme emotion.

"If I'm in a subtle mood I don't have much to write," said 17-year-old Toni Witt, a student at East High School. "So if I'm really happy I'll write something or if I'm really angry I'll write."

Scary situations

Matt, 18, is openly gay on his Xanga site and writes about his crushes online. He's a member of several gay-themed blogrings in Wichita and even put his full name on his site, though he didn't want it used for this story.

It's more personalized than instant messaging, he said, almost like a greeting card.

But he recalled one case when a boy he didn't know -- apparently from another school -- threatened him, saying he would do to Matt what was done to Matthew Shepard, a gay college student who was murdered in Wyoming.

Matt told his parents. His friends rallied around him and offered to find the person, but eventually Xanga shut down the site because of the threats.



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Nuns gather, weigh in on social issues

BY DENISE M. BONILLA STAFF WRITER

Thirty years ago, Sister Anna Marie Macklin asked her affluent students in Santurce, Puerto Rico, about the impoverished. They replied that there were no poor residents on the island. After seeing the tiny shacks crumbling in the shadows of the students' houses, Macklin came back to school and told them, "Open your eyes. Tell me where the poor are."

Then, as now, Macklin, 69, felt a need to promote social awareness.

"Justice is synonymous with living a life of faith and community," said Macklin, who now teaches at St. John's University. 'Justice is synonymo living a life of faith and community'

- Sister Anna Marie Macklin

"You cannot have one without the other," she said.

Macklin is one of the 450 Sisters of St. Joseph from across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. They gathered at St. Joseph's Academy and Convent in Brentwood this weekend to examine their role as religious women working for justice.

The convocation, which is not sanctioned by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, also serves as a forum for discussion of two social issues: the death penalty and the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The sisters will vote and an official stance on both will be revealed later this month.

Macklin said she probably will vote in opposition to the death penalty.

"Many years ago, if somebody killed, I thought the best thing to do was to punish them so they could never do this again," Macklin said. "But that's not really doing justice that's revenge."

The keynote speaker, Sister Maria Pascuzzi, a scripture professor at the <u>University of San</u> <u>Diego</u>, told the gathering that Catholicism had previously emphasized detachment from the world as key to a deeper relationship to God.

"So it's understandable, sisters, that many of us feel discomfort and even resistance at the yoking together of faith and justice," Pascuzzi said.

But, she said, "social justice must be on the agenda of the entire faith community."

The convocation is revitalizing to the sisters, said Sister Mary Ross, 57, a public defender in Queens, but is not expected to make an impact on the church.

"What we're doing here won't make a lot of difference to them," Ross said.

"A convocation like this is not seen as important in the church," she said.

Religious women are often discouraged from being political, said Sister Maryellen Kane, 56, a former organizer for the United Farm Workers who is parish life coordinator for St. Mary Magdalene Church in Springfield Gardens.

"Silly little girls — that's who a lot of people want us to be," Kane said. "We're not seen as intelligent people who are committed to justice."

USD graduate is flourishing in her new life behind camera

By Nina Garin STAFF WRITER

Lydia Stirling wants to make films. Important ones. About real people and real issues, kind of like a female Michael Moore.

Even though Stirling, 24, is much younger and more glamorous than her idol, she wants to one day make the same kind of impact as the controversial documentarian.

"My goal is for people to watch something I make and be able to talk about it after they leave the theater," she says.

So for the last year, the University of San Diego graduate has been writing, filming and editing her first documentary, "Pop+Culture." The movie, which screens at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego in La Jolla on Friday, questions the media's influence on young people.

Stirling asked subjects — both young and old — their thoughts on love, success, image and faith, and set out to prove that young people are much more educated and concerned than how they're portrayed on MTV.

"When it comes to love and relationships, the media makes it seem like we meet, have sex and then all of a sudden we're dating," she says. "But for many people, that's not their definition of love."

On the outside, Stirling embodies the kind of person that people regularly see on "The O.C." and other pop culture programs. She has popular girl looks and was raised in La Jolla. Plus, her mother is a former actress, and her brother modeled for Abercrombie & Fitch.

"My mom always pushed me to be in front of the camera," she says. "But I love being behind it. Having clips around me and putting them together, it's like a dance."

There's another reason Stirling is so at home in the cutting room. Her grandfather, Geoff Stirling, started the first 24hour TV station in Canada and owned several TV stations throughout that country.

As a child in Newfoundland, Stirling grew up around cameras and gadgets. She did everything from video game reviews on camera to editing promotional station videos.

Eventually, Geoff Stirling sold all his stations except for NTV, the one in New-

She grew up around cameras and gadgets

foundland. Her father still runs NTV, and Stirling divides her time between her beachside Southern California community and her rustic, snowy hometown.

"I think it helped my documentary because I've been exposed to other cultures while living this California lifestyle," says the filmmaker, who also studied with Semester at Sea. "I was inside the box, but I could always step outside it."

Given Stirling's film and TV background, it seemed a natural choice for her to pick moviemaking as her profession. But it took her some time to figure out what she wanted to do.

At first, Stirling wasn't sure she would

go to a four-year university and was looking at art and beauty schools. But she was pressured into applying to a more traditional college.

"At La Jolla High, everyone goes to college," she says. "All my friends were ap-

plying and figuring out where they were going, so I didn't want to be the only one who didn't go. You can say I was peer pressured."

Stirling decided to stay close to home and earned her degree in communications from USD. After working as a production assistant, she decided to try her hand at her own documentaries.

Of course, owning a TV station has its perks. After "Pop+Culture" screens here Friday, viewers in Newfoundland will be able to see it on NTV.

"It took me a long time not to be embarrassed by my background. I wanted to prove it to everyone that I could make it on my own," she says. "But now I see that the way I grew up was a gift, and I've come to be thankful for it."

If you have a significant, life-changing event you'd like to share, e-mail **Nina Garin** at nina.garin@uniontrib.com.

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Political Lunacy

Carl Luna's observations on California politics

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Buddhism Conference Offers Plethora of Events, Workshops

By Katie Chase

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This weekend, from Thursday, April 7, through Monday, April 10, a variety of scholars, spiritual leaders and ofessionals from throughout New England will converge on Smith campus for the conference "Women oth Buddhism: American Experiences." Pr

ence, sponsored by Smith College, Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College and Saky The International Association of Buddhist Women), will address a broad range of topics relating to women riences of Buddhism. Focusing on experiences of Buddhism as it fits into today's world, the conferent s to be inclusive in its content, discussing topics from fully practicing Buddhism to being inspired by put necessarily identifying oneself as Buddhist.

e movement focuses on Buddhist women's issues and perspectives, but embraces all living "This innova beings. It is interactive in incorporating scholarly perspectives, spiritual practice, grassroots activism, and cultural performance as equally valid dimensions of women's experience," writes Karma Lekshe Tsomo, a professor at the University of San Diego and founder and president of Sakyadhita, who will be speaking at the conference.

Buddhism has recently become more common in the United States, and 300 million women worldwide identify as practicing Buddhists. These factors contributed to the decision to bring this conference to the Five College area.

"The conference showcases the diverse contributions that diverse kinds of women are making to Buddhism in North America. Smith and Mount Holyoke have a long tradition of cultivating women leaders so we thought it appropriate that the conference take place in the Five Colleges," said Mount Holyoke Religion Professor Susanne Mrozik, who has been an integral part of planning the conference along with Smith Jill Ker Conway Professor of Religion and East Asian Studies Paul Gregory.

Smith Interfaith Program Coordinator Hayat Abuza agrees: "One of the great gifts that America has made to the burgeoning of Buddhism in our time is the possibility of an equal role for women," explained Abuza. "Thus, it is a natural fit and a great privilege to have such a wealth of practicing Buddhist women converge on Smith for this conference."

Main events include lectures by Karma Lekshe Tsomo and Helen Tworkov, and panels on topics such as "Women Changing Buddhism: Feminist Perspectives" and "Race, Ethnicity, & Class." Famed cultural critic and writer bell hooks will present a lecture entitled "Buddhism Beyond Gender" on Friday night. Many students will recognize hooks's name, as her writings have been used by many professors in American studies, education, government, African American studies, sociology, women's studies and English classes at Smith.

Other related events include a reading by poet Jane Hirshfield and workshops on Tara Dance, which will be presented as part of the conference. Hirshfield will join with singer/songwriter Meredith Monk, who will be presenting a concert on Saturday night, to discuss the topic of "Buddhism and Creativity." There will also be a sculptural installation, "Form is Emptiness, Emptiness is Form," by Rosalyn Driscoll

Additionally, the conference will offer 34 workshops on a wide variety of topics, from ones focused on Buddhism as a religion, such as "The Dharma Gate of Peace and Repose: The Practice of Zazen" and "Buddha, Dhamma, Sangha: Chanting, Dhamma Talk, and Meditation," to others focused more on the ideas and philosophies of Buddhism, such as "Exploring Our Spiritual Practice as a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Community" and "Manifesting the Spirit in Body and Sound."

The workshops will be run by various professors, scholars, Buddhist practitioners and other professionals. One workshop, "Student Volunteers in a Buddhist Nunnery in Spiti, India," will be run by students Elizabeth Tonti '07J and Marilu Gamboa '07.

One of the goals of the workshop is to bring together a diverse group of people, including students, scholars and practitioners, with many different interests and lifestyles.

"We needed a broad and inclusive theme because Buddhism in North America, as elsewhere in the world, is an internally diverse religious tradition. Buddhist practice takes many different forms from temple ritual, to meditation, to social justice work, to alternative medicine," said Mrozik. "And, of course, the women engaged in Buddhist practice are themselves very diverse. Some are nuns, others lay women; some are converts to Buddhism, others have been raised in Buddhist families and communities, still others are Jewish or Christian women who use Buddhist practice as a way of deepening their own faiths We hope that our conference will create a space in which diverse kinds of women can share their experiences with Buddhist practice."

In addition to the workshop on "Students for a Free Tibet," the workshop "Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction" may also be of particular interest to students.

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"Disguised God," the <u>Univer</u>sity of San Diego Symphony presents concerts on April 29 and May 1, in Shiley Theatre. Concerts include Bruch's "Violin Concert No. 1 in G Minor," commissioned work by USD symphony member Byron Chow.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$8 general. Find USD at 5998 Alcalá Park. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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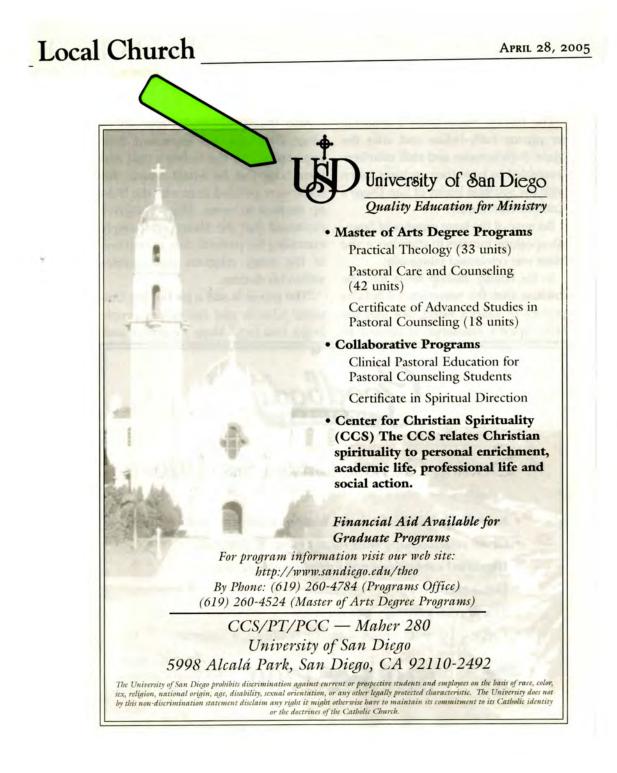
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LEONARD PERRY

High school students from around San Diego participated in the fourteenth annual Walk on Water competition at the Sports Center last Saturday. Teams engineered shoes made out of wood, plastic, foam and other materials in hopes of taking home the title. The winning team was Team Stingray, from La Jolla High School. The competition is an outreach program, run by USD engineering students, to build interest in science and engineering careers.



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LJHS senior qualifies for state Jr. Miss

stingray's buoyancy shoes, Ryan traversed the pool in 15.54 seconds.

By TRAVIS HUNTER Village News

A La Jolla High School junior was among five winners of the San Diego County Junior Miss Scholarship Program for its Class of 2006.

Christie Mitchell won a \$750 scholarship and a paid trip to the state Junior Miss competition to be held in Sonoma County in August. Twenty-three girls competed fr more than \$5,000 in cash tui scholarships at the event, hell the University of San Diego.

Mitchell also was awarded a 00 scholarship for winning the nt portion of the competition h her vocal rendition of the clasical piece, "The False Prophet."

In addition to talent, contestants were judged on scholastics, selfexpression, fitness and an interview. Scholastics were judged by reviewing transcripts and SAT scores. The self-expression portion required contestants to give an answer onstage to a question they had received previously. 'I said, even though I like the person I am today ... I would start believing in myself usting my tion earlier.'

> - Christie Mitchell hitchell's question was, "If you

ould change anything in your life, would you?"

"I said, even though I like the person I am today and I know my experiences have made me the person I am, I would start believing in myself and trusting my intuition earlier," Mitchell said.

Contestants were faced with a wide range of questions during the interview portion.

"They asked who the secretary of state was, what would I do if I found my little brother reading my diary," Mitchell said.

At the state competition, Mitchell and 50 other high school



Christie Mitchell, a junior at La Jolla High School, is congratulated by her mother after being named one of five winners of the San Diego County Junior Miss Scholarship Program for the Class of 2006. Christie will compete in the state Junior Miss competition this August.

juniors will compete for \$35,000 in scholarship money. The winner of state goes to the national contest in Mobile, Ala., in June 2006, where the winner will receive a \$50,000 cash scholarship.

Mitchell said she has not decided on a college but has begun narrowing down her major choices.

"Probably something in the humanities — not anything in math or science," she said.

Executives' behavior should set a positive



The affair that Harry Stonecipher had with another employee at the Boeing Co. was between consenting adults. The woman involved has not said

she was pressured or coerced in any way, nor has anyone else suggested that.

Still, Stonecipher was fired recently as Boeing's chief executive officer, not specifically for engaging in the relationship but for violating the company's code of ethics.

Because other affairs between consulting adults happen every day inside many companies and people are rarely fired, Stonecipher's dismissal raises the question of whether it was justified or necessary.

Clearly, it was.

"Chief executive officers, other executives or anyone managing people have to be role models in their companies," says Marc Lampe, a professor of business ethics at the <u>University of</u> <u>San Diego</u>, "Setting an example for people is one of the things these people have to do."

He says that executives help establish the standards that drive the behavior of other workers.

"People look up the chain of command for cues on how they should approach their jobs," Lampe says. "It comes with the territory that all managers should be mindful of how they conduct themselves because it is going to be reflected in how others act."

Boeing is particularly sensitive to ethics. During the past $2^{1/2}$ years, it has wrestled with the fallout from a procurement scandal that tarnished its reputation.

A former Pentagon official, Darleen Druyun, pleaded guilty to secretly negotiating a \$250,000 a year executive job with Boeing while overseeing the Pentagon's negotiation of a \$23 billion contract. Druyun admitted inflating the value of that and other contracts for Boeing.

She was sentenced to prison, along with the company's chief financial officer who hired her.

The scandal also led to the December 2003 resignation of Phil Condit as Boeing chairman and chief executive.

Stonecipher, a 68-year-old former McDonnell Douglas chief executive, was lured out of retirement 15 months ago to steady Boeing.

But when his affair was disclosed in an anonymous letter to company directors, it put the company into an uncomfortable position while it was attempting to put the procurement

scandal behind it.

Boeing's code of conduct requires that employees not engage in any activity that would damage its reputation or embarrass it.

"If you have a proclaimed value system and your executive leader violates it, you have to do something about it," says Cynthia Olmstead, president of n Diego-based TrustWorks Group, lership and organizational develfirm. "If you don't, it erodes ity of the values and leaves the css."

She cautions that a 'Do as I say, not as I do' leadership style is impossible.

"Something like this erodes the leader's credibility," Olmstead says. "Employees begin to question the company's ethics and the individual's personal values. How can you expect them to live up to your stated values if the executive is not held accountable." She believes executives and managers of companies should be held to higher ethical standards than other employees but admits that doesn't happen often enough.

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Olmstead's firm helps companies develop goals that incorporate values and business objectives. When done properly, employees throughout a company see a clear course of direction, get involved in pursuing those goals and develop trust in the company and its mission.

Affairs are going to occur inside companies no matter what efforts those companies take to discourage them. But when executives embrace corporate values and live up to them, they provide standards for everyone to follow.

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There's seldom anything real about business reality TV shows, writes Fiona Carruthers.

He's got spiky gelled hair, his own website, attitude on tap and turned over his first million greenbacks by age 26. It's not difficult to see how Shawn Nelson, American entrepreneur and creator of the LoveSac (an overhyped version of the 1970s bean bag), beat 16 other contestants to win Richard Branson's Rebel Billionaire television show, which involved completing business and adventure challenges set by Branson.

But in collecting first prize a cool \$US1 million (\$1.3 million), along with a stint working closely with Branson did Nelson actually gain deeper insights into running a business? "No way!" laughs the selfdescribed "savvy and quirky" 28-year-old, who was in Australia recently to open his first LoveSac store in Sydney. "I think I'm a good business person and I hope my business proves that. But there's so much chance and luck involved in the show, I wouldn't say it's a pure reflection of your business skills.

"It's inspiring to see people overcoming obstacles and solving problems and addressing challenges quickly. But a lot of the show was people at each other's throats and tearing each other apart. That's not good. That's not business. That's reality TV."

Riding the popularity of Survivor and Big Brother, reality TV shows that focus on business including The Apprentice, Boss Swap and Rebel Billionaire are emerging with varying degrees of success.

Audience polls and industry pundits alike nominate Donald Trump's The Apprentice, in which contestants slug it out for the right to be apprenticed to the billionaire property tycoon, as the clear winner. The profit figures back their views: last year, the United States Competitive Media Report found that, judging by network profit for reality TV shows, American Idol came in first, reaping Fox \$US260.7 million, followed by Survivor: Pearl Island, which brought home \$US73.1 million for CBS. In third place, NBC netted \$US53.9 million with The Apprentice.

Now in its third series, even The Apprentice is struggling, with Channel Nine pushing it back to 10.30pm from the former prime timeslot the second series held at 9.30pm on Monday nights. Rebel Billionaire screened on the Seven Network last year also found itself in the unenviable 10.30pm Monday slot.

Given that other reality TV shows have proved almost immune to failure, why do the business shows struggle? Is it because they are perceived as having nothing to do with the "real" business world? Or

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do audiences simply judge them dull? And if they do tune in, are they likely to learn anything useful about the cut and thrust of the business world?

Assistant professor Stephen **Standifird** from the <u>University of San Diego's</u> MBA program who upped the profile of his university's program after attracting national media attention for including The Apprentice on his teaching syllabus argues reality TV business shows are among the most difficult to pull off. While shows initiated by the likes of Branson and Trump might be officiated for lacking realism, he suggests the alternative is to risk viewers lunging for the remote

"If you stick with real business problems, the show would not have the dynamism the works for TV," says **Standifird**. "To do reality TV on the day-to-day decisions and long-term planting at goes into business would be, quite frankly, terribly boring."

With the larger-than-life Donald Trump having first-mover advantage in this market, not to mention the prolific use of his signature phrase "You're fired!", industry pundits agree The Apprentice is successful mainly because of the cult status of Trump, who is known in the series as "The Donald".

Author, media theorist and lecturer at New York University McKenzie Wark says: "I don't know that much about business, but The Apprentice is the only one I watch. It's hilarious. It sums up Trump so beautifully in that The Apprentice is a replica model of Donald Trump's world, which is the business of appearances."

Standifird last year introduced DVDs for students to analyse the 2003-04 series of The Apprentice for a class on power and politics. While he is a fan of aspects of The Apprentice, **Standifird** says viewers shouldn't expect to learn how to run a company. "One big problem I have with The Apprentice is everything is short-term challenges that end this week, and that's not how you build a business."

Nelson cites the same problem with Rebel Billionaire, saying the challenges Branson issued to teams of contestants such as improving the first-class service on Virgin's international flights or staging a press conference in London to promote a new company often carried a turnaround time of 24 hours.

"Of course you have time pressures in business," says Nelson. "The show was beneficial in forcing you to be 'can-do' and think fast. But it could become really unrealistic in terms of creating a real-world business environment."

While the business world might have a take-no-prisoners reputation, Nelson argues life as a virtual prisoner of a reality TV show was unlike any genuine business problem he's ever faced. "We were locked up in hotel rooms for 24 hours with no contact," he says. "People came out feeling very emotional and the producers loved it they wanted verbal fisticuffs. That's what reality TV is all about. There's plenty not to like about reality TV."

Nelson says he observed that at times Branson found the filming of Rebel Billionaire hard to watch: "Branson actually did not like the game-playing that reality TV embodies. It was hard for him to watch. He hosted it, but the producers created it. Branson doesn't like to fire people."

While The Apprentice won prime-time US television slots such as 9pm on Thursday night, **Standifird** can't even recall when Rebel Billionaire screened in the US, saying he saw only one episode. But **Standifird** also comments on the critical difference in style between Trump and Branson.

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"Branson's show was at a disadvantage in that he was following Trump and he doesn't have nearly the popularity in the US as Trump," he says, adding that where Trump is "crazy loud and obnoxious", Branson is "more supportive and constructive".

Standifird describes a scene in the Rebel Billionaire episode he watched in which a contestant was floundering with an adventure task and Branson yelled words of encouragement. "Trump would have just screamed: 'You're fired!'," says **Standifird**. "Trump's response would have made for better TV. Interestingly, Branson's approach is much closer to how most companies are trying to foster a constructive, supportive environment for staff today."

Branson might better reflect modern management techniques, but **Standifird** admits The Apprentice offers a more solid learning tool than Rebel Billionaire because it covers classic real-life business issues such as scarcity of resources, unclear goals and objectives and unclear performance measures.

"What makes The Apprentice interesting from an academic point of view is that it addresses these three classic issues of politics and power in corporations: in the show, only one contestant survives (scarcity of resources); at the end of the day, no matter how hard you try, Trump will simply decide who stays and who goes (unclear goals and objectives); plus, it's often hard to determine exactly why one team is winning and one is losing (unclear performance measures)."

Wark adds that the show also touches on that golden rule of business: brand exclusivity. "In The Apprentice, Trump is all the time building the value of the brand by excluding someone. In banishing 17 of the 18 contestants as unworthy, he's raising the value of winning his approval."

The uncharitable might claim it wasn't difficult to fire contestants. A website devoted to the show reveals those who were sacked have hardly set the business world on fire. One has just completed a book and is seeking publicity for her promotional tour; another boasts he has had "offers" for TV voice-over work; while a third claims that he has 40 per cent more work at his legal practice after the show.

Meanwhile, the winners of the two series of The Apprentice a pair of 30-something males who boast that their raw aggression and even military training help them succeed in business have been conveniently consumed into the Trump organisation as their prize, making it difficult to judge their business acumen. Both, however, ran companies with multimillion-dollar turnovers before they appeared on the show.

Closer to home, Melbourne-based television producer Prue Christie knows the trials of creating a reality business TV show that sheds light on running a small business without sending viewers to sleep. She has just finished work on the fourth series of Bread, which profiles businesses during periods of growth and transition.

Despite attracting 500,000 viewers, Bread also suffers marginal timeslot syndrome, screening on the Ten Network at 8am on Sunday with a repeat at 11.30pm on Thursday night. Bread differs from the classic reality TV business shows in that it's not a competition and doesn't boast a major figurehead. But Christie says it attracts the same demographic of young aspiring singles.

"Luckily Bread gets a natural degree of human drama because it is small business owners and operators putting their hearts and souls into their businesses," she says.

It might not have the volume of Trump or Branson, but you might actually learn something even if it's only how to secure an Australian Business Number.

Some Experts Question Whether Downtown Condo Boom Will Continue

By PATRICK HEALD Contributing Writer Published April 7, 2005

With more than 7,400 new downtown San Diego condominiums scheduled to come on line for sale by 2008, concerns are rising that the rapid price increases of the last few years could be coming to an end.

In June of 2004, the average sale price for condominiums downtown was \$1,005,161, according to figures from the San Diego Multiple Listing Service. As of the last week of March, the average sale amount was \$854,039. The average sale price actually fell to \$774,300 during the first week of November 2004, the week of the November general election. Since then the average sale price each week has floated between \$790,415 and \$854,039. The average price is due both to market conditions and to the type of units (size and location) that are available for sale.

The 7,400 units represent almost double the number completed between 2000 and 2003, according to San Diego real estate consultant Gary London who supplied these numbers to *Voice of San Diego*.

London, president of the real estate consulting firm The London Group, said the number of people who have already bought downtown condos and are now trying to sell them has also increased.

"We have (more than) triple the inventory of resale units on the market now from this time last year," London said. He says 253 downtown condominium units are on the market now, compared to 57 at this time last year.

Investors waiting to sell

Real estate professionals say some investors are now biding their time before selling, speculating that the precipitous rise in real estate prices here will continue, and that they will see the kind of profits investors usually only dream about.

"I would say [the rate of speculators] is about 30 to 40 percent," said real estate broker Lew Breeze who handles properties in Little Italy. He says many buyers don't move into the units, and aren't even bothering to rent them out.

"I'm seeing a lot of people buying second and third homes," Breeze said. "And then [they are] leaving them vacant, paying \$700 a month homeowner's fees ... It wasn't like that two or three years ago."

London said downtown has historically attracted real estate speculators, but he noted that many of the approximately 1,500 units coming on line this year are in the East Village, which has more affordable housing that will attract investors.

"If history is our guide, [the rate of speculators] will be about 30 percent, but it could be lower because the units are in East Village," said London. "But there are people there who are obviously going to live there and flip."

Flipping is the practice of buying property for the sole purpose of selling it quickly after it has appreciated over a short period of time.

Breeze says the practice is a lot more common now than it used to be. "People are looking to flip," Breeze said. "People were coming in 2003, buying it and flipping it in 2005 and making \$200,000."

Shiller says downward price adjustment could happen

The man who correctly predicted the stock market's decline in 2000 says the speculation in downtown San Diego condominiums reminds him of 1929 just before the stock market crashed.

"People can't imagine that this is a bubble, but it is," said Yale University economics professor Robert Shiller. Shiller is

the author of "Irrational Exuberance," in which he predicted the collapse of technology stocks in 2000. Shiller says the frenzy of buying in San Diego real estate over the last four years mirrors what happened in 1929, and he says conditions are right for a major downward adjustment in overpriced real estate markets like San Diego.

"It's happening now like in the '20s," Shiller said of housing prices in San Diego. "People then thought that the market can only go up, and they were trading stories about how much money people made. And you had economists saying it was fundamentally sound, that prices would never go down."

Shiller has authored a second edition of "Irrational Exuberance," in which he looks at the dramatic increase in housing prices throughout the country, and the perception that real estate investment is risk-proof. He says even in light of the real estate collapse of the early 1990s, when housing prices in Southern California dropped by as much as 20 percent, many buyers today still think there is no downside to real estate investment.

"It used to be that you had people who said home prices had never fallen Shiller. "But they say [prices] may drop, but they will come back stronger that ever

Shiller. "But the '90s changed that. Now

Disagreement with Shiller's view

Not everyone agrees with Shiller's gloomy view of real estated

"Downtown has been a strong investment for quite a while," said Mark Riedy, executive director of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego. "All the stars are aligned to make downtown San Diego a good place to live and work. I don't see any indication that downtown housing is going to be a money-losing proposition."

Riedy says he believes there is enough insulation against downward pressures on the market to protect buyers who invest in real estate in downtown San Diego. He cites the growth of the restaurant and entertainment industries downtown, the ballpark redevelopment project, and the city's commitment to promote development through the Centre City Development Corp. Riedy also believes that even if the number of buyers who are speculating on downtown real estate approaches 30 percent, the vast majority can handle the risk.

"Eighty or 90 percent of that 30 percent have staying power to last for the long haul," Riedy said. But even though Riedy is optimistic about the investment potential of downtown condominiums, he agrees that a correction is taking place.

"I think it's probably a healthy correction," Riedy said. "Two months of reduced sales does not surprise me. It may cause some people to drop prices, maybe. Is it going to cause the bubble to burst? No. But I think we are past the peak."

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City Council Passes Living Wage Ordinance Amid Strenuous Budget Debate

Supporters, opponents debate the budget woes of city government, city's poorest

By ANDREW DONOHUE Voice Political Writer Published April 13, 2005

After nearly six hours of debate that pitted the city's fiscal crisis against the budgetary woes of some of the region's lowest-paid workers, the City Council voted to make the city of San Diego the last major city in California to set a minimum payment for at least some of its employees.

By a vote of 5-to-4, the City Council chose to force city contractors to pay such workers as janitors, landscapers and security guards a minimum of \$10 an hour. The wage would rise to \$12 an hour if health care benefits aren't provided to the employee. The measure, which is estimated to impact approximately 2,000 workers, won't go into effect until fiscal year 2007 in order to ease its financial impacts.

Mayor Dick Murphy and council members Scott Peters, Brian Maienschein and Jim Madaffer voted against the measure. Voting in favor were council members Toni Akins, Donna Frye, Ralph Inzunza, Tony Young and Michael Zucchet.

The decision marks the accomplishment of at least one of the goals of a two-and-a-half year campaign by labor and faith leaders to nudge taxpayer dollars toward paying wages that don't leave workers below the poverty line.

Atkins led the drive to pass the ordinance on the council.

The discussion was highlighted by a lively debate over the appropriateness of adding costs to the city scrolls at a time when it is mired in perhaps its greatest fiscal crisis, though estimates of its annual costs varied considerably.

"An increase to our city budget that is less than 1 percent is worth increasing the quality of life of thousands of our city's working poor," said Young, who was figured to be the deciding vote at the beginning of the day.

In the coming months, the city must take the first steps towards taming a crippling \$1.37 billion pension deficit while grappling with between \$500 million and \$800 million in future retiree health care costs that have to date gone unfunded. It also must close an estimated \$50 million budget gap by June -- potentially using layoffs and deep cuts in basic city services -- and complete its fiscal year 2003 and 2004 audits, long-delayed by errors and omissions discovered in the city's financial disclosures. Federal authorities are also investigating city finances and politics.

That laundry list of fiscal problems, as well as the looming threat of salary freezes and other cuts for city workers, was cited by a number of the measure's opponents on the council and in the business community.

"I really think by adopting this today we are sending the wrong fiscal message in so many ways," Madaffer said.

The City Manager's Office has estimated that the measure could cost between \$3.4 million and \$5.3 million in fiscal year 2006, which begins July 1. However, the organized labor officials who crafted the proposal estimate it will cost nothing in 2006, \$1.4 million in 2007 and \$2.9 million in 2007.

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But aside from the simple budget numbers, the crowd of supporters that total may than 100 said the living wage ordinance was the right thing to do in a region where affordable housing the outpaced wages.

"San Diego risks having an economy where the great majority of the people will be struggling to get by," said Alan Gin, an associate professor of economics at the University of San Diego who supported the measure. He said that of the 21,000 jobs added in San Diego in 2004, an estimated 70 percent were low-income.

Many from the business community who came to speak against the measure said now is the wrong time to be considering such a measure.

Kevin Sullivan, owner of the ARCO gas station that sits on city property at the Sports Arena, said such a mandate would drive his costs up by \$100,000 a year. Ernie Hahn, president of the group that operates the Sports Arena, predicted the measure would likely put the Sports Arena out of business.

"This change you are making to my business is absolutely devastating," Sullivan said.

Under the ordinance, the following city contractors would be forced to pay the new wage:

-- Any entity that receives more than \$500,000 in financial assistance from the city, such as the San Diego Convention Center, the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. and the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, beginning in fiscal year 2007.

-- Service contractors with contracts of more than \$25,000, such as businesses that provide the city with janitorial, landscaping or security services. Service contractors will be affected beginning 2007.

-- The nonprofit organizations that do more than \$25,000 in business with the city that have more than an 8-to-1 ratio between the salary of their highest-and lowest-paid employees. This stipulation takes effect in 2007.

-- Entities that receive more than \$750,000 in hotel-room tax money from the city. It takes effect in 2008.

-- City facilities, such as the Sports Arena (now known as the iPayOne Center), Petco Park and Qualcomm Stadium. Contractors at such facilities will have to obey the ordinance beginning in 2008.

Despite the massive budget woes of the city, supporters argued that taxpayers end up paying for poverty wages one way or another through the social services that low-income workers are forced to utilize.

"A worker who serves a hot dog and a Coke at a ballgame can't even afford to buy a hot dog and a Coke," said Midge Costanza, president of the Midge Costanza Institute for the Study of Politics and Public Policy.

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Price of gas jumps to \$2.58 By: EDMOND JACOBY - Staff Writer

NORTH COUNTY ---- Retail gasoline prices shot up dramatically across North County in the course of the week, racing ahead in some areas by as much as a dime in a few hours.

Reflecting on North County's record retail average for regular unleaded ---- \$2.58 ---- Charles Langley, a consumer advocate at San Diego's Utilities Consumers' Action Network who conducts a weekly gasoline price survey for the North County Times, called the price movement extreme.

"It is the most extreme price hike we've seen over periods as short as two days. We haven't had a price rise like this in a year, and it was a year with a lot of disasters that affected the gasoline retail market," Langley said.

As prices surged, even while the survey was being conducted Friday morning, other observers began reporting that the spot market's wholesale price of gasoline for Southern California was dropping; by day's end, it was reported off 20 cents per gallon.

If the retail market follows the wholesale lead, prices could be heading down by Monday, industry observers said ---- although Langley opined that "this isn't over yet; prices are still jumping up like ducks on a hot plate."

Estimates by the federal government and the California Energy Commission point to recent increases in inventories of crude oil and refined gasoline, and the price of crude has fallen about 7 percent in the last few days, closing at \$53.32, off \$5 ---- or slightly over 9 percent from its Monday peak of \$58.28.

It was during that same period that area gas prices zoomed 6.4 percent, outpacing prices at normally pricier stations in the city of San Diego.

Gasoline prices fluctuate with the price of crude oil because about half of the cost of a gallon of gas is the cost of the oil from which it is refined. The rest of the price that consumers pay consists of refining and transportation costs, taxes, retailers' costs and profits.

A barrel of oil has 42 gallons, then refined into 44.2 gallons of end products. The seemingly magical increase in quantity occurs because chemicals from other sources are added along the way. About 19.5 gallons of gasoline are made from a barrel of oil.

"It certainly is expensive, and the cause is supply-driven," said Ryan Singer, an economist with the Economic Research Bureau at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"In 1970, California had about 30 operating refineries, and today we have 12," Singer said. "And those 12 have to supply gasoline to Las Vegas and Phoenix as well."

Actually, they supply much of Phoenix's gasoline, the entire state of Nevada and part of Oregon, too.

"As gasoline prices rise, they present two problems," Singer said. "The high prices reduce the amount of spending power the public has, how far the family budget can go, and it has a psychological effect that can erode

consumer confidence and promote fears

Across town, <u>University of San Diego</u> economics professor Alan Gin estimates that every 10-cent rise in the price of gasoline takes a \$7 million a month bite out of the regional economy.

"That really isn't a lot in a \$100 billion per year economy, but it is a nuisance --- and it ignores the inflationary impact of having to pass on the increased fuel costs as part of the transportation component of the cost of goods," Gin said.

Western States Petroleum Association Executive Director Joe Sparano points to California as an island economy for motor fuels in which capacity utilization of refineries is nearly 100 percent.

"At the end of the day," Sparano said, "in California, supply from in-state refineries and demand are very delicately balanced." That, he said, explains the premium paid by Californians for gasoline at any time of year, and the extreme prices seen at the pump today.

"I see these prices continuing to rise in the future," Singer said. "Demand is growing so quickly in China, and that leads to a strain being put on the refining capacity throughout the whole world."

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By Hrista K. Sabol



A s a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? A football player? A ballerina? Superman?

"Chances are most kids don't grow up wanting to

be a mortgage banker," says Dan Thoms, vice president of education and business development for the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA). In fact, most teens or college students don't necessarily know



what a mortgage banker is unless they have some type of exposure to the busi-

ness outside of school.

Compound that lack of knowledge with the complexity of commercial real estate and it begs the question: What is commercial mortgage banking?

Commercial mortgage banking involves the same real estate issues faced in resi-

Initial lending, including borrower credit, underwriting, loan documentation, loan appraisal, loan sale, loan hedging and loan administration. However, the business aspects of commercial properties complicate a transaction, and require professionals to have slightly different skill sets. Commercial real estate includes more than the basic real estate transaction. The broker needs to be well versed in the leasing business that commercial real estate houses, whether office, warehouse, industrial, hospitality, retail, or multifamily.

The commercial real estate formula focuses on extracting value through cash flow. Cash flow is the driving force behind any commercial real estate venture.

Commercial mortgage lenders require more business education and analytical skills than do residential lenders, often requiring graduate education. Commercial mortgage bankers need to be versed in using spreadsheets, databases, graphical analysis and geographic information systems. Most college curricula focus on topics related to real estate or finance, but not

al estate finance. Increasing the number . real estate finance programs in our colleges and universities is necessary to meet the demands in the commercial sector of the mortgage industry.

Commercial Real Estate Demands That Professionals Keep Learning

Commercial Real Estate Education

The MBA is about promoting change and filling in the gaps that members define.

In 1999, MBA created a University Task Force to implement an initiative to increase quality educational opportunities the next generation of for commercial/multifamily mortgage bankers. Five institutions received grant monies through a competitive process: Colorado State University, Texas A&M University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of San Diego, and University of Wisconsin-Madison. These grants, totaling \$1 million, were dispersed over a three- to five-year period. Each institution was measured annually in creating, improving or revising their programs in order to advance educational opportunities for this discipline.

Cumulatively, these institutions have

revised and added courses in their curriculum, increased their student enrollments, developed new degree programs, facilitated new relationships and secured additional funding to support endowed chairs.

Thoms serves as staff representative for the Commercial Real Estate Finance University Task Force charged with oversight of the initiative.

"By leveraging the grant monies, the universities and their program directors have made great strides promoting commercial real estate finance and multifamily edu-

cation," said Thoms. "MBA is very proud of their achievements in implementing the goals of this important initiative."

"Backed with the support of MBA's grant, Colorado State University was able to seek additional funds for the Center for Real Estate to revise the curriculum, and the first endowed chair was established in the College of Business," said E. Michael Rosser, a member of the MBA University Task Force and a vice president at United Guaranty Corporation in Englewood, Colorado.

Texas A&M raised its profile and presence in its community because of the strength of its revised real estate programs. So, too, did the University of Nebraska.

> "Not only did the grant serve as a catalyst for the University of Nebraska to secure an additional funding for an endowed chair in real estate, it generated a significant increase in commercial real estate course offerings and in the number of students enrolling in the real estate degree program," said Rodrigo Lopez, also a University Task Force member and president and chief

executive officer of AmeriSphere Multifamily Finance in Omaha, Nebraska.

The funds distributed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison were used to implement a two year program that focused on

commercial real estate finance when the university recognized the need for a capial markets program.

As a result of MBA's grant, the <u>University of San Diego</u> (USD) secured a \$5 million endowment to create and name the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, one of only a handful of substantially endowed real estate centers in the United States.

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The Burnham-Moores Center then launched a new master's program in real estate. The 11-month, full-time program is fully complemented and the first class consists of 24 students, all of whom will attend MBA's Commercial Real Estate Finance/ Multifamily Housing Convention as part of their curriculum. MBA's \$100,000 grant in 2000 served as a catalyst for accelerating the growth of the USD real estate program, said University Task Force member Daniel J. Phelan, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Pacific Southwest Realty Services in San Diego.

To further leverage this success, the task force is considering ways to facilitate the professional growth of students participating in these programs, including opportunities for commercial real estate finance internships at participating companies.

MBA continues its commitment to education and professional development through residential and commercial education committees comprised of industry professionals. Each year these committees establish quantifiable goals and objectives.

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USD Hosts Women In Leadership Conference

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SAN DIEGO -- Some of San Diego's most powerful women came to annual Women in Leadership conference.

At the conference, which took place at the <u>University of San Diego's</u> School of Business, students were able to meet dozens of community leaders and female executives. NBC 7/39's general manager, Phyllis Schwartz, took part in the conference.

"It gives us a chance to network face-to-face with them and to talk to them," said student Carolina Santana. "These women who -on a daily basis we don't have an opportunity to meet with them or -- I know they're really busy, and it's hard for us to just call them or say, 'Hi, my name is Carolina Santana and I'm a student.' "





Key speakers at the conference included best-selling author Barbara de Angelis and Catherine J. "Kitty" Mackey, who is a top executive at Pfizer.

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The Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego has announced that Bill Ostrem, the president and CEO of the EastLake Co., will take over as chairman for the Residential Real Estate Committee. Joe Anfuso, the chief financial officer of Shea Homes San Diego, will assume the role of vice chairman. Andrew Murphy, division president of Fieldstone Communities, will become the immediate past chairman. Members of the committee work toward the goal of helping the center become the focal point for education, research, information and career services in the areas of general real estate, finance, urban economics and regional development.

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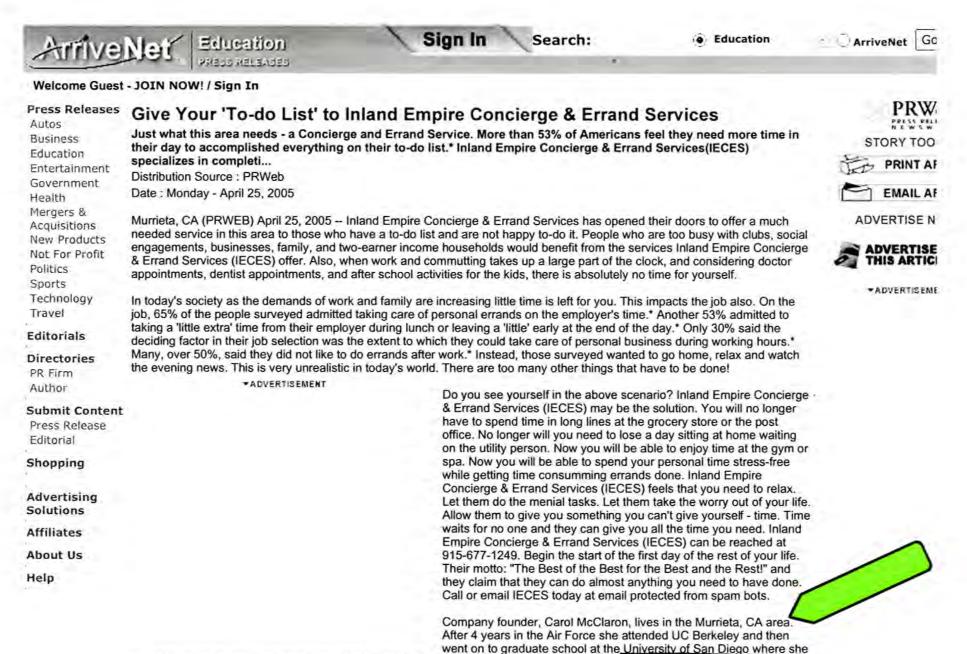
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The March article "From Bust to Boom" in our "Preserving Paradise" series incorrectly stated that Malin Burnham cofounded the Burnham-

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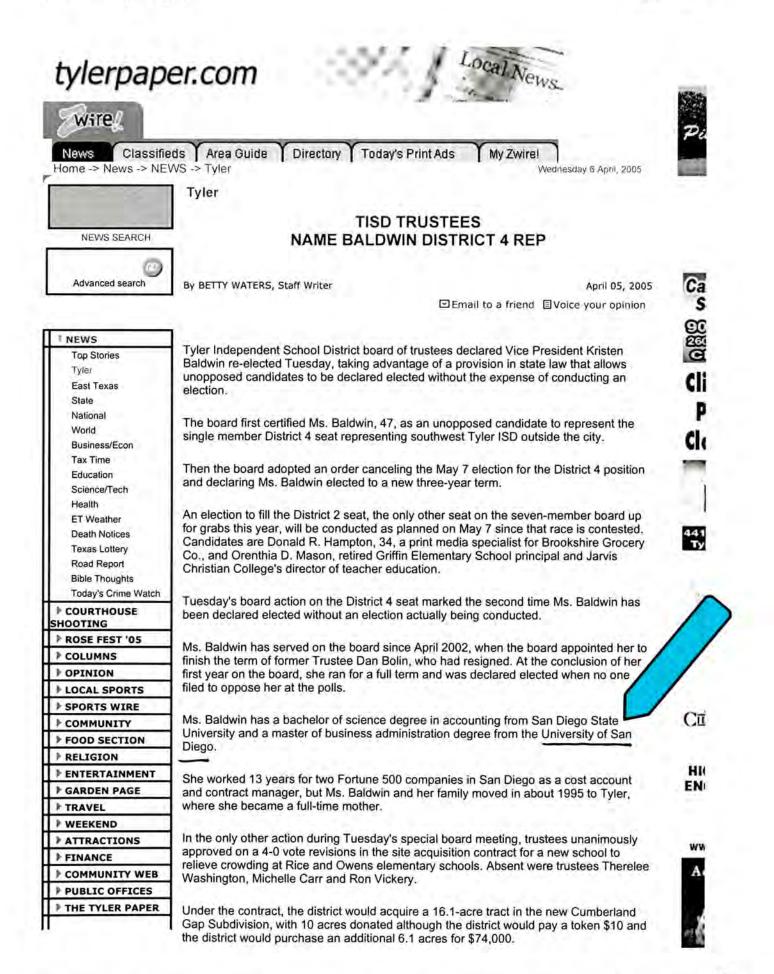
Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of California, San Diego. The center was originally founded in 1993 at the <u>University of San Diego</u> as the Real Estate Institute. After a \$5 million donation from Burnham Real Estate and San Diego Padres owner John Moores in June 2004, it was renamed the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.





earned a master's degree in business administration (MBA). She worked as a licensed real estate agent and tax preparation specialist before she went to San Diego State University to pursue a special education teacher's credential. She taught special

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Becoming a Big Brother to a Child I Never Knew

By JAMES BRENNAN Contributing Voice Published April 20, 2005

My experience with Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego be my wife Lauren and I were on vacation. We met a couple w and hearing their experiences inspired me to learn more.

I'm not new to being a brother, much less a big brother the rand raised in Rockaway Beach, N.Y., I was the oldest in my family of one sister and provide the rothers. I was very fortunate to grow up surrounded by a supportive family that afforded me the ability to enjoy being a child. I was active in athletics in high school and went on to play rugby at the <u>University of San Diego</u> where I graduated with a major in business administration and a minor in leadership.

I am an active supporter of children's charities around San Diego. However, I felt removed from helping children in need of a positive influence to lead them in the right direction in life. These young children are without the support of a stable family and many are ending up on the streets, in jail or worse. That's when I stepped up as a Big Brother.

After an in-depth matching process, I was introduced to my little brother, Tyler, now nine years old, in May 2003. His father was absent most of his life and his mother was left alone to raise a child in need of a positive male influence. Initially, it took work to break down the barriers that prevented him from opening up to me, but three-to-four months into the process we finally established our comfort zone.

I remember taking Tyler to the batting cages because he had never once picked up a baseball bat. The minute that kid got in the cage he was cracking balls as a right-hander then out of nowhere switched to his left. I had a genuine switch hitter right in

hander then out of nowhere switched to his left. I had a genuine switch hitter right in front of me. As soon as the season began, I signed Tyler up for Little League near his home and he's been an active player ever since.

There's nothing I wouldn't do for this kid. I realized he needed better male interaction and encouraged his mother to move him to a new school where he now makes better grades. Anything to make Tyler smile is rewarding for me. I remember hearing his reaction when I asked my good friend Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter to give my little brother a call just to say "hello."

I've learned, it's never too late to lend yourself and experiences to a child in need of a positive influence. To say I'm part of the reason this child is off to a fresh start is mind-blowing. As the owner of a large real estate development company, the Sidebar Restaurant/Lounge downtown and another restaurant/lounge due to open early fall 2005, I still find the time to make this child realize he has worth in this life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters works tirelessly to ensure that the hundreds of children waiting for a big brother or big sister find the best mentor and friend for every case. However, their efforts are hindered by a lack of funds to hire staff to expedite the process of matching "bigs" and "littles."

To help support this effort, I joined the newly formed Young Professional Committee. The YPC is comprised of a core group of individuals with the goal of increasing awareness and raising funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

To help find matches for the hundreds of children in San Diego waiting for a Big Brother or Sister, the YPC will host a chocolate and wine tasting event on April 29 at the San Diego Natural History Museum with proceeds

JAMES BRENNAN

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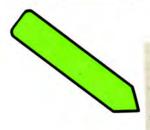
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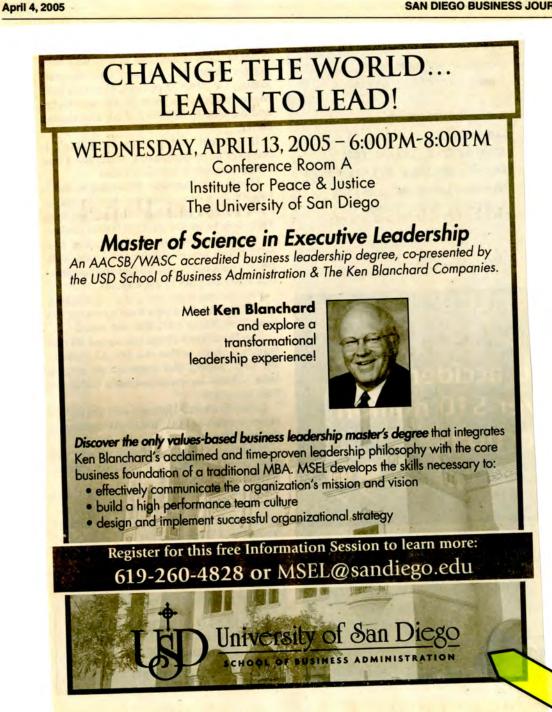


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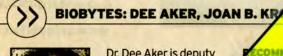
The goal of the event is to promote fundamental scientific and engineering design principles that are the core foundation of all engineers. Students are assigned the task of designing, constructing and piloting water shoes across the pool. **Organization**: USD Engineering Information: usdengr@sandiego.edu Cost: No Details Available When: Hours: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Where: USD Swimming Pool, 5988 Alcala Park, San Diego

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Institute for Peace & Justice

The San Diego Union-Tribune • Monday, April 4, 2005



Dr. Dee Aker is deputy director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (http:// peace.sandiego.edu) at the University of San Diego. Aker holds a combined doctoral degree in anthropology and psychology and a

master's in international affairs. She served in the Peace Corps in Colombia and has worked extensively in Africa and Asia. She directs the Women PeaceMakers Program, which brings women from countries in conflict to San Diego to document their stories. She also directs the Nepal Project, which seeks to promote democratization in that country, and WorldLink – Connecting Youth to Global Affairs.

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The Legacy of Carl Rogers at WBSI

By RICHARD FARSON Voice Guest Columnist Published April 21, 2005

This is part four in a four-part series. Read part one, part two and part three.

Arguably the most important social scientist ever to live and work in San Diego was Carl Rogers, widely considered to be America's most influential psychologist. Those of us who became the staff of La Jolla's Western Behavioral Sciences Institute are deeply indebted to his instrumental role in creating, and then joining, the institute.

It all began in 1958. California Institute of Technology physicist and philanthropist Paul Lloyd, whose financial support and wise leadership eventually initiated and sustained WBSI for 20 years, had that year become interested in knowing more about Rogers' work. To further his understanding he joined a workshop that my colleague Thomas Gordon and I had organized, featuring Rogers. The chemistry was just right, and later when I approached Paul with a proposal for an institute that could build upon Rogers' work, he signed on, and WBSI was born.

Rogers was the first person to undertake research into the process of psychotherapy, and in that work he demonstrated that, given the right conditions, individuals were capable of intelligent self-direction. Since therapy at the time was either highly directive or psychoanalytic, this was a radical development indeed.



CARL ROGERS

Rogers' ideas were so powerful and universally applicable that they found their way into disciplines well beyond psychotherapy -- into education, religion and business. Indeed, his broad influence helped foment the revolution in political participation that characterized the latter half of the 20th century. He became a member of the first board of trustees of WBSI, and a few years later left academia to join the full-time staff as a resident fellow.

Given the right conditions, people can be trusted

This fascinating and challenging idea became the hallmark of the institute's work. The task was not to follow the conventional approach, working directly on individuals to improve them, but to improve the situations that determine their lives. Much as we might think we can reduce the understanding of human behavior to matters of personality, character, history, habits or genetics, we continue to find that situations, relationships and cultures are far more powerful determinants. That's why nobody smokes in church, no matter how addicted.

Rogers understood that designing the form of these situations, these relationships, gives them their real power. His contribution then was not only to psychotherapy. His greater contribution was to give us a new form for human interaction, a new ethical basis for relationships. His design forgoes judgment, fostering the kind of intimacy that comes from that special brand of interaction that only occurs when one person can genuinely enter the feelings and perceptions of another. When that level of understanding is communicated, when Rogers' conditions of safety, empathy, understanding and unconditional positive regard are present, relationships prosper.

For nearly half a century, from its first research grant to study the leadership of small groups to its current program in policy dialogue, WBSI has explored that design. In that very first research program, an impressive finding emerged supporting that approach. Randomly selected individuals arriving for a social experiment were encouraged to try to increase their social power in a group of strangers. Almost all of the subjects denied they had that ability, but without telling them how, we encouraged them to try anyway. Although their success in that effort did not reach statistical significance, we were impressed to discover that they were able to attempt those power roles with such natural skill that not once in our conducting 29 such groups did anyone detect that these individuals had been told to do so. Apparently all of us have a mastery of roles that we may never have an opportunity to play.

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This guiding philosophy of attempting to create conditions in which people can be at their best continued through all of WBSI's projects. Under the leadership of institute co-founder and social psychologist Wayman Crow, the staff designed and simulated tension reduction activities for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who were seeking deterrence strategies during the Cold War. That work led staffers Hall Sprague and Garry Shirts to develop a range of highly successful educational games for use in schools.

Reducing convenience store robberies

Turning to the problems of crime and violence, a now-classic WBSI project reduced robberies (and accompanying violence) in thousands of convenience stores by an impressive 40 percent, employing as research assistants a group of ex-offenders, some that had been armed robbers. With firsthand knowledge of such robberies, they helped redesign the stores and the systems to achieve those remarkable reductions in crime.

With sociologist Thomas Gillette, economist Tore Tjersland and others, WBSI conducted a variety of governmental policy research programs, studying the conditions that would enable people to escape from poverty, perform better in schools, reduce racial tensions and live more satisfying family lives. Studies of Skid Row inhabitants, conducted by Tony Gorman, showed their relations with each other to be more compassionate and caring than those of the middle and upper classes.

Over and over again, the institute's work involved the design of relationships, experiences or environments that enabled people to realize their potential. Having discovered the power of computer communications, the institute explored other ways to form virtual communities that could serve that goal.

Its current program, the International Leadership Forum, uses Internet conferencing to conduct dialogues that elicit the wisdom of highly influential leaders from around e world on the great policy issues of our time. This virtual think tank is the first group ever to be assemble to manner. The wisdom generated in its conferences, interviews and commentaries is communication of the great by means of its electronic magazine, the ILF Digest.

The range of potential future project was developing leadership forums considering the larger challenges facing the professions of design, edition and criminal justice; working with the Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego to conduct mass media dialogues between Islam and the West; and joining with top environmentalists to work on the social and community development aspects of their projects using seawater irrigation technology to enable hungry people living along desert coastlines all over the world to produce their own food, develop a sound economy, and fully enjoy the benefits of community life.

Forty-six years after its founding, the institute still explores Carl Rogers' insight -- given the right conditions, people can be trusted.

Richard Farson is a psychologist, author, president of the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute, www.whsi.org, and executive director of its International Leadership Forum.

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The Jewish Student Union at the University of San Diego will present **David Faber** at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Acala Park. The presentation will be followed by a dessert reception in the Institute for Peace & Justice Rotunda. The event is free and open to the public. Faber's book, "Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir," will be for sale. Information: (858) 550-1796. School of Law

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Bid for power refunds heard

\$6 billion request goes before 9th Circuit panel

By Dean Calbreath STAFF WRITER

In the latest court battle over the California energy crisis, lawyers for San Diego and the state of California asked a federal appeals court yesterday to order \$6 billion in refunds from power companies that allegedly rigged the market in 2000 and 2001.

But an attorney representing a dozen power suppliers — including San Diego's Sempra Energy Trading — argued that it is improper to order rebates because such payments would damage the rights of the companies' shareholders.

And the Federal Energy Regulato-

ry Commission, or FERC, which has already ordered \$2.9 billion of refunds, has balked at ordering any more, arguing that the federal courts have no jurisdiction in the case.

"You do not have authority to review how we settle a case or how we dealt with past conduct," FERC attorney Dennis Lane bluntly told a threejudge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. It held a special hearing at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the <u>Universi-</u> ty of San Diego.

The lawsuit emanates from the California energy crisis, in which some of the country's leading energy suppliers manipulated power orders and supplies to create shortages and push the price of electricity through

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California Asks Court to Order Power Refunds

The 9th Circuit panel is asked to step in because the state says federal regulators failed to protect consumers during the energy crisis.

From Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — California asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday to order more than \$6 billion in refunds for alleged electricity overcharges during the state's 2000-01 energy crisis.

"Equity and just and reasonable principles demand we get paid," said Stan Berman, who argued California's case before a three-judge panel.

California has asked the court to step in because the state contends that federal energy regulators failed to protect consumers as power prices skyrocketed and blackouts raked the regions served by Edison International's Southern California Edison Co., PG&E Corp.'s Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Sempra Energy's San Diego Gas & Electric Co.

Berman said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, instead of seeking market-wide relief, was running a "shell game" with scores of proceedings against power marketers that deny California a shot at a full refund.

FERC has indicated it might require energy companies, including several subsidiaries of **Enron** Corp., to pay \$3.3 billion for manipulating power prices in California's market. Berman said California consumers and businesses paid \$8 billion to \$10 billion for overpriced power in a manipulated market.

In court, FERC argued that Congress vested it with absolute discretion to seek whatever remedy it saw fit — a power that not even the appellate court could touch.

"You do not have authority to

review how we settle a case or how we dealt with past conduct," attorney Dennis Lane told the court.

That didn't sit well with Judge M. Margaret McKeown, who asked: What if FERC decided to use its authority only against companies whose names began with S?

"The law is that's not reviewable," Lane responded.

Then, McKeown asked, should we pack up our notebooks and go home?

"In our view, that's right," the attorney said, drawing laughs from the audience.

David Frederick, who represented power sellers, said Congress and the Supreme Court said utilities had the right to keep profits from a manipulated market in order to provide investors with certainty.

The panel heard about three hours of arguments from California, FERC and power buyers and sellers during a special session in the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

In the eyes of an attorney for the city of San Diego, it was an entirely fitting venue.

"For a long time, these citizens have been seeking justice for what happened in the summer of 2000," attorney Robert A. O'Neil told the court.

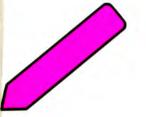
San Diego Gas & Electric was the first utility to fully deregulate in May 2000, and businesses and residents soon saw prices triple or quadruple.

FERC's refund order covers only the period after Oct. 2, 2000 — the date that regulators say power companies were put on notice that they might have to pay refunds. California is seeking \$2.8 billion in refunds from the summer of that year.

In addition, the lawsuit seeks to compel FERC to refund \$3.5 billion to the state Department of Water Resources. The department was forced to step in in 2001 to buy short-term contracts on behalf of cash-strapped utilities.



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Court To Decide If San Diegans Get Refunds For Energy Prices

Some Say Power Companies Are Manipulating Market

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SAN DIEGO -- Five years ago, California was slammed with rolling blackouts and skyrocketing electricity prices that never came down.

On Tuesday in San Diego's U.S. District Court, federal appellate justices heard arguments that major power companies owe the people billions of dollars in refunds.

Some argue that rulings by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission allowed power traders to charge exorbitant prices after California de-regulated its energy market.

Estimates say the state is now paying \$45 billion more than it would have if the marked had not been "gamed."

"At this point everyone -- with the exception of maybe these judges here in this case -- knows about Grandma Millie. They know about how Enron manipulated the market, and they also know it wasn't just Enron. Most of the major energy traders who were manipulating the market -- causing, essentially, artificial shortages in power that caused prices to skyrocket," Michael Shames, of Utility Consumers Action, said.

The prices did raise awareness of the need for energy conservation and preparedness. Businesses bought or rented their own backup generators, and homeowners installed low-watt lights or "went solar."

But, lower rates never materialized as the state was forced into costly contracts to guarantee supplies.

Some argue that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission failed to enforce "just and reasonable" pricing regulations.

If the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agrees, Shames said people could receive big refunds.

"Depending on the decision the justices make, I'm estimating there could be as much as \$10 billion at stake -- which for San Diegans means about a billion dollars in rate relief, which is a lot of money."

"What we're looking for today is simply a fair refund for our customers. The issue is in the court they'll decide that," San Diego Gas & Electric Spokesperson Ed Van Herik said. "But we have diligently to get appropriate refunds for our customers. And we have already participated of settlements with large companies that were here during the time, selling energy."

The 9th Circuit panel includes Margaret McKeown, a justice from San Diego.

The court will hear further arguments Wednesday at the University of San Diego.

It is expected that whatever decision is handed down, possibly within a couple of months, will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Krauses Pledge \$1M To USD Law School By - 4/29/2005 San Diego Business Journal Staff

James C. and Gale Krause have pledged \$1 million to the University of San Diego School of Law.

A member of the school's class of 1975, James Krause is principal in the San Diego law firm of Krause & Kalfayan. Krause specializes in antitrust litigation, class actions, commodities litigation, securities arbitration and securities litigation.

A Harvard graduate, he earned his law degree from USD School of Law magna cum laude, and served as an editor of the San Diego Law Review.

Gale Krause, who earned a master of business administration degree at Tulane University, has been active in several educational organizations.

The couple has three teen-age sons.

- Pat Broderick

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NEW BANKRUPTCY LAW: WINNERS AND LOSERS

The San Diego Union-Tribune • Thursday, April 21, 2005

By Mary Jo Wiggins

A fter eight years of lobbying and a shift in the political winds, President Bush yesterday signed the biggest revision of U.S. bankruptcy in a generation. A lot has been said about the anticipated ef-

fects of the new law, with credit card companies predicting it will lower the borrowing costs for all of us and others opining that it will wreak havoc on the lives of lower and middle-class debtors. The truth is that no one really knows what the long-term consequences of the new law will be. (Remember the law of unintended consequences?) We can, however, rather confidently identify short-term winners and losers. So, here is a score card.

First, the winners:

Banks, credit card companies and other consumer lenders. They spent a lot of money (reportedly over \$40 million) on political donations and lobbying over the last eight years, and they are likely to get a brilliant return on their investment.

The new law gives creditors added muscle to collect debts both inside and outside of bankruptcy court. For example, all consumer bankruptcy debtors will now have to undergo what is called "means testing." Basically, this requires all debtors who make more than the median income in their state and who also meet certain other conditions to file a repayment plan under Chapter 13 and pay off at a significant portion of their debts over at least five years.

This is a major change from the prior system under which, absent fraud or abuse, debtors (under court supervision) could decide whether it made more financial sense for them to file under Chapter 7, which discharges most debts, or Chapter 13. Perhaps even more important, in order to implement means testing, there will be added paperwork and increased filing fees. As a result, bankruptcy will become a more expensive and cumbersome process for the average debtor. This will likely discourage many honest but unfortunate debtors from using the bankruptcy system altogether and will shift more power to creditors when dealing with individual debtors.

Congressional Republicans. Congressional Republicans have been able to put together an impressive string of legislative victories that display their political cohesiveness, at least when it comes to business issues. For example, House and Senate Republicans joined forces to make sure that when the bankruptcy bill left the Senate, it did not contain any objectionable amendments (like New York Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer's amendment to block abortion protesters from having money judgments against them voided in bankruptcy) that would halt its progress when it got to the House.

Senate passage of the bankruptcy bill followed on the heels of the reform of class-action lawsuits, a measure widely acknowledged to be helpful to large companies. Shortly after that, the Senate voted to expand oil and gas drilling in Alaska. Regardless of one's views on the merits of the new bankruptcy law, it is clear that congressional Republicans can and will use their majority to enact business-friendly legislation.

Consumer debt education companies. This bill requires debtors to attend credit counseling programs as a condition of being able to file for bankruptcy relief. So, debtor education companies now have a large new market of consumers. Look for more companies for get into the act.

Bankruptcy academics, educators and researchers. This is a lengthy and complicated new law, and its effects are expected to be farreaching. So, anyone (like me) who has an incentive to study the bill, explain it to others, and research its consequences will be very busy over the next several years, if not decades.

Information management consultants. Bankruptcy trustees and others who will administer the new law will need improved software to implement the means test. Additionally, the new bill will require every debtor to produce more paperwork than was previously required by most bankruptcy courts.

Private companies and consultants are now going to have to help the courts figure out how to retain and process (mostly electronically) all of the tax returns, car titles, utility bills and other documents that debtors will have to routinely produce in every bankruptcy case in the country. Although the bill contains privacy safeguards, recent stories about data theft at companies like Lexis-Nexis and ChoicePoint should be cause for concern about what might happen to all of the new data that individuals will have to produce and that courts will have to handle.

Now, the losers:

Lawyers for consumer debtors. The new law requires attorneys for consumer debtors to certify the accuracy of all facts in the debtor's paper work even though the information that goes into that paper work is almost entirely under the control of the debtor, not the lawyer. It will also require debtors' attorneys to certify that, under certain circumstances, they know for a fact that a debtor will be able to pay off a debt.

If there are even small mistakes in a petition or if it turns out that a debtor cannot pay off a debt as promised, the attorney can be subject to sanctions. This will reduce incentives for lawyers to practice consumer bankruptcy law. It also will discourage bankruptcy lawyers from donating their services to lower income debtors. Why would even the most well-intentioned lawyer get involved in a pro bono bankruptcy case with the threat of professional ruin hanging over his or her head?

Congressional Democrats. Congressional Democrats splintered on this issue, and their

failure to present a unified front against the bill reflects the weak leadership at the top of the party and the lack of a coherent economic and social policy with broad appeal. Proponents of the bill were able to skillfully co-opt key Democrats like Sen. Joseph Biden, whose home state of Delaware is home to some of the nation's largest credit card companies. Other Democrats voted for the bill because they simply thought it would be seen as a "safe" pro-business vote.

Whatever their reasons, the fact that so many Democrats voted for the bill makes one wonder just what, if anything, the national Democratic Party actually stands for in the post-Clinton era. (President Clinton vetoed a similar measure during his administration.)

Poor and middle class consumer debtors. Not only will this bill make it harder to get bankruptcy relief, it also will make the terms of any eventual relief much more favorable for creditors and much less advantageous for debtors. For example, the bill will substantially restrict the amount of money that individual debtors can spend on things like transportation, groceries and education. More of that money will have to go to pay creditors. It also, for example, will require debtors to repay much more than they currently do to retain an automobile in bankruptcy, even if that car has significantly depreciated since its purchase. **Bankruptcy judges.** One well-respected bankruptcy judge with whom I recently spoke told me that he was seriously considering stepping down from the bench if the bill became law. His concern is that the law removes the human element of discretion, experience and wisdom and replaces it with number-crunching and arbitrary formulas. He also thinks the law is extraordinarily mean spirited. If the law works as designed, we could see a lot of very talented, experienced judges leaving the bankruptcy bench to pursue other lucrative options.

In my 18 years of practicing and teaching law, I have interacted with a lot of bankruptcy judges. I never cease to be amazed at the intelligence and integrity they uniformly bring to their jobs. It would be a blow to the system to lose even one because of this legislation.

So there you have it — the winners and the losers. In the long term, the biggest loser in all of this might turn out to be the public's interest in a compassionate and sensible bankruptcy system.

A careful study of debt in modern America reveals that the public has vital, but not always well-understood, interest in an efficient, effective and balanced system of bankruptcy relief. Such a system helps encourage risktaking, provides a financial safety net for distressed families and forces creditors and debtors to share the risks associated with participating in our dynamic and complex economy.

To the extent that this new law undermines those goals, we all will be losers.

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he recent upheaval at the top Mr Purcell's position to do? Executives and market forces by rewarding other of Morgan Stanley is not only a sign of crisis within that company but also illustrates the unhealthy predicament facing the entire financial services industry. One might question whether any chief executive of a modern, complex financial corporation can control its employees and business divisions. And if not, is the game worth playing?

The troubles at Morgan Stanley began long before last week's decision by Philip Purcell, its chief executive, to promote two rising stars as copresidents, replacing the brilliant and tough Stephan Newhouse and spurning two other executives, who immediately resigned. That story was not unusual except for Mr Purcell's promoting a woman to such a senior post, a first for Wall Street. Resignations always follow a bonus and promotion season, as spring follows winter.

But this story was big news, and generated an overwhelming display of schadenfreude, because eight former Morgan Stanley executives released a letter they had sent on March 3, privately urging the company's board to remove Mr Purcell "as soon as possible" and warning that he was "tearing down" the franchise they had built.

Mr Purcell's response was to firm up his position with the board, which further inflamed his enemies, who now number many more than eight.

But what is a chief executive in

with far more banking experience do not, and cannot, parse the details of Morgan Stanley's complex businesses. Even securities analysts and sophisticated hedge fund managers cannot understand the details, and privately admit as much. It would take most chief executives hours to understand the mechanics of just one complex derivatives trade, much less a trillion dollars' worth. And most do not have a day, or even an hour, to spare for such study. Even if Mr Purcell had a maths PhD and 30 years of banking experience, he would still be lost.

Replacing Mr Purcell would not solve the problem anyway. Complaining shareholders are probably right that Morgan Stanley's share price would rise if Mr Purcell disappeared. But the deeper problem is not one man or his decisions. It is that, after years of shelter. Morgan Stanley and its peers are finally confronting the changes in markets that have so dramatically reshaped the rest of the business world, while Wall Street has calcified. Banking league tables, which tabulate market shares in various areas, have remained virtually unchanged, even as most other industries have been crushed and reformed by competition. deregulation, and disintermediation.

One reason the basic landscape of Wall Street has remained unchanged is the success of powerful chief executives, who have dodged shareholders

constituents, particularly board members and senior employees. The residual claimants of an investment bank are not primarily shareholders but employees, who capture marginal gains through bonuses. The directors of banks benefit substantially from supporting chief executives: they are clients as much as monitors.

One potential solution would be to have stronger boards that press chief

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executives more vigorously to explain why they, and not someone else, should be running the company. It is unrealistic and unwise to expect directors to participate in operational decisions, but boards might play a role in testing more rigorously whether CEOs adequately understand the costs and benefits of certain trading strategies or the rationales for particular deals. But even if they did so, they would probably find that no chief executive was smart and informed enough to understand such complexities. In government, having a chief executive is a necessary evil, and leaders of large sovereign states are not expected to understand much detail. But Ronald Coase, the economist, famously observed that private companies are different, because they are not the only place to do business. An alternative to costly and complex banks is an atomised market, where individuals and institutions do business without a large financial intermediary. Banks may merge to survive this inevitable transition; but in the long run many of their functions will disappear.

The porous dam of stubborn CEO leadership can hold off the rushing waters of competition and disintermediation for only so long. The sharpest minds from old Morgan Stanley say the company's leader is steering it in the wrong direction. But wherever he goes, the core functions of any Wall Street bank cannot remain inside the same complex and costly shell forever. M Purcell's fate is beside the point. franchise is coming down, but n the reason eight angry share think. Watch carefully - the firm of yore is waving goodb

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Hot commodity

Sempra finds profitable, powerful niche on London's metals market

By Craig D. Rose STAFF WRITER

LONDON - No one comes to this fascinating city for the food. But many, like San Diego-based Sempra Energy, come for the money that can be made here.

While many back home associate Sempra with its San Diego Gas & Electric subsidiary, or perhaps with Southern California Gas Co., another wholly owned utility, commodity trading is Sempra's most

rapidly growing profit source.

Though it only has about 600 of Sempra's 13,000 employees, Sempra Commodities last year provided 36 percent of the company's profits, or about \$320 million of a total \$895 million. The importance of the trading unit was cited as a major reason for Sempra's decision to hold its annual shareholders meeting this week in London.

Two of the key horses in the company's commodity trading stable share offices in the financial heart of this old metropolis, in a section itself known as the City of London.

The location is coincidental for Sempra Energy Europe, but key for Sempra Metals Group Ltd., as it is just blocks from the premier market for its products, the London Metals Exchange.

Sempra says the business, with about 100 employees, is a powerhouse in its niche, which primarily

SEMPRA ENERGY PROFITS

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Sempra Commodities

While making up less than 5 percent of parent Sempra Energy's 13,000-employee work force, Sempra Commodities - which includes Sempra Metals Group – provided more than a third of the company's \$895 million in profits last year.

SEMPRA ENERGY EMPLOYEES

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involves the trading of industrial metals such as aluminum and copper.

Tom McKeever, the unit's chairman, said the Sempra Metals Group typically has in storage 20 percent to 25 percent of all the industrial metals regulated by the London exchange.

bi The puts Sempra near or at the top among traders of most of these metals worldwide.

"We're probably the second or third largest physical tradger," said McKeever, an American who has spent decades in the business.

This strong position in real inventory, McKeever said, disstinguishes Sempra from other players in the increasingly heated metals trading business. Atstracted by sharply rising prices, many financial institutions — Merrill Lynch and Goldman

chs, to name two — also may begun trading.

But most of these financial institutions focus on the paper lishuffling end of the business duggling contracts and financial instruments but avoiding physical handling of the commodity. Sempra is among a smaller logroup capable of and willing to pload trucks and deliver the goods.

6 With its large warehousing opperations, its physical trading ocapability and its own ability to trade financial instruments, McKeever said, "We're the only company operating on all three fronts and that gives us a unique window on the market."

Clients cut their risk

For the company's clients include consumers and producters of the metals eager to shield ithemselves from price volatiliity. A producer of copper tubing, for example, who might be retriductant to risk his business or tralienate customers with price

anges from fluctuating raw anaterial costs is a prospective ocustomer for Sempra. The combpany can guarantee the costs afor, say, 5,000 or 10,000 tons of I copper per month from now until the end of the year.

In a typical trading day, Sempra's London unit closes 1,000 to 2,000 of these deals. The company's game plan then calls for Sempra to offset much the risk it has assumed by trading, in turn, with other players on the market, McKeever said.

Business for traders like Sempra gets better as prices get crazier, and they have been wild. Copper, for example, which long traded at 60 to 70 cents per pound, now fetches \$1.50. The prices are driven by strong demand from China in particular and have sparked investment in mining and production that eventually should boost supply and put downward pressure on prices.

But that is still some time off and not something of great concern to Sempra, McKeever said. He said Sempra can prosper as prices fall, adding that fundamentally, price volatility brings customers to Sempra, as they seek stable pricing and to avoid risk.

"It's like sailing," McKeever said. "It doesn't matter which way, as long as the wind is blowing."

But the surging prices have brought a flood of speculative investment into the markets. McKeever said metals are approaching the status of an asset class — such as stocks or real estate — and have attracted nontraditional investors such as pension funds seeking to diversify their portfolios.

Sempra is one of just a dozen that sits on the London exchange's trading ring, which is literally the circle around which deals are done on the floor.

On a typical day at the Sempra office, some 100 traders busily scan multiple computer screens and converse with clients in an array of languages.

Across from the metals group in its glass-walled office, an additional 65 traders work the phones and watchdog their computer screens for Sempra Energy Europe, which trades electricity, coal and natural gas. William Winget, managing director of the energy group, said it's positioned perfectly to profit from the growing energy deregulation and integration sweeping Europe.

Winget, a Texan, said the European natural gas market is attractive for traders like Sempra, which is already the "Traders put buyers and seller together, and that is a legitimate business."

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world's second largest trader of that commodity. But electricity trading across Europe's newly integrated electricity grids is the energy unit's best business now.

"The power business is really wide open now," Winget said. "We're probably the No. 5 power trader there now."

Winget can rattle off the number of competitors who have left the energy trading business in recent years, which includes Enron — from whom Sempra bought its metals groups — as well as Mirant, TXU and others.

Sempra has thrived as others have exited, he said, because it manages risk conservatively, avoiding long-term deals and subjecting its traders to strict daily account controls. Those controls include a daily review of all trading positions at Sempra Commodities' headquarters in Stamford, Conn., where another 400 people are employed.

The strict control mantra is heard at all levels of Sempra trading — conservative, strict control and limiting trades to reasonably short terms. But similar mantras were heard from many of the firms that failed in the business.

'We do what we say'

"The difference is that we do what we say," Winget said.

Mark Snell is president of Sempra's non-utility businesses, overseeing all trading operations, including an oil trading unit in Geneva, Switzerland, and smaller offices elsewhere in Europe and in Asia.

He says the trading businesses are managed so consistently that they've posted profits in 70 of the past 72 months and in each quarter of the past six years.

"Since we bought that business for \$200 million, we've made \$950 million from it," he said. The steady record of success has converted some analysts typically fearful of the volatile trading business.

Gary Hovis, a vice president of Argus Research, is among them. He said Sempra sailed profitably through the California energy crisis and the collapse of Enron — once the world's largest energy trader — as well as some energy exchange glitches.

"Sempra has proven me wrong," he said. "It's a matter of strategy and management success and ability, not just luck alone."

To be sure, Sempra's success has not come without criticism and some potentially damaging allegations.

Conflict issues raised

The company faces a host of regulatory and legal actions related to allegations of rigging in the U.S. natural gas and electricity markets. And while traders like Sempra insist they provide valuable services to energy users, some consumer advocates challenge the notion.

Mark Cooper, director of research for the Consumer Federation of America, says Sempra's activities in both the trading and utility businesses raise conflict-of-issue questions, despite the company's assurances the businesses are kept separate.

Utility companies are charged with providing the cheapest sources of gas and electricity to their customers, a very different mission than an energy trader.

"I don't need Sempra in the commodity trading market," he, said. "There is nothing they bring to the market but a potential for abuse."

He added that while sup and demand remain pot forces contributing to the rently high prices for comties like oil, speculato traders are also inflatin prices. Those high proultimately paid by constructs.

Frank Partnoy, a processor at the <u>University of San Diego</u> and an expert on sophisticated financial instruments and trading, defends it as a worthwhile business.

"Traders put buyers and seller together, and that is a legitimate business," he said.

Our punt went wrong, so stand and deliver



JOHN PLENDER ON MONDAY

Unhedged today, gone tomorrow

Elliott Associates, which owns more than 6 per cent of Woolworths Group, has provided a classic illustration of how divergent the interests of different shareholders in the same company can become. Having been stung by the 26 per cent fall in Woolworths' share price on Thursday after Apax Partners dropped its proposed offer for the company, the US hedge fund manager said, in effect to the Woolworths directors: "We took an exceptionally ill-judged punt on your stock and suggest that you help us recoup our losses by putting yourself up for auction forthwith, engage in some hurried do-it-yourself asset stripping and wreck the balance sheet by raising debt to pay as much cash as possible to shareholders. Or else."

Many UK insurers and pension funds might not object to some increase in the payout, but an auction has just been tried and failed. So long-term investors probably want any disposals to be unhurried and a balance sheet that is workable when Elliott Associates is long gone.

Against the background of the hedge fund-led rebellion at Deutsche Börse and other such activism, this may now prompt a debate about the distribution of voting rights. The assumption underlying one share, one vote is that shareholders are the residual owners and risk takers with an equal incentive to maximise the value of the company. The reality is that they own stock which confers a residual right to cash or assets only on bankruptcy. While the business is a going concern, the directors decide what the shareholders receive.

The traditional view of equity has also been left behind by options theory. This asserts that bondholders and equity holders each share control and residual risk in companies because the debt holders have a right to the company's cash flow, but have sold a call option to the shareholders. And, as Frank Partnoy of the University of San Diego points out, derivatives trading and structured finance techniques now routinely reallocate residual claims and voting rights in the company. He argues that it makes no sense to give voting rights to investors who are indifferent or hostile to value-creating corporate decisions where, say, they have both long and short positions in a share but the short positions predominate.

One solution would be for public markets to move to private equity-type preference capital structures where

votes are allocated according to the amount and timing of the investment. But the politics and practicalities would be difficult. The alternative is to wait for tighter monetary policy or a financial crisis to prick the hedge fund bubble and thin the ranks of short-term momentum traders and arbitrageurs.

S&P on the PPF

The plight of the Turner & Newall pension scheme has highlighted the risk posed to the UK's new Pension Protection Fund by the collapse of large companies. Yet the bigger risk probably lies in the smaller company area, where the incidence of sponsoring company defaults is much greater. This emerges clearly from a study to be published today by Standard & Poor's, which casts doubt on the adequacy of the £300m annual levy the PPF will charge from 2006.

Using its data for corporate default experience from 1981 to 2004, the credit rating agency has analysed the likelihood and size of claims on the PPF for the largest 342 private sector defined benefit pension funds, accounting for two thirds of UK schemes by value. If the PPF was only concerned with these, S & P estimates the £300m levy would be adequate over the cycle.

Yet the remaining third of schemes, mainly small and medium-sized businesses, are another matter. The rating agency reckons on plausible assumptions that the default experience of smaller schemes will be on average six times that of larger schemes. That is because pension deficits are unsecured debt and recovery rates for unsecured creditors of small companies are dismal. So, if deficits stay at current levels, S & P estimates the ongoing PPF claims at two to four times the £300m levy. If the PPF is not to sink as default rates mount from their present seven-year trough, the pensions regulator will have to be exceptionally proactive across the small business sector.

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Blair's milch cow

Tony Blair's assertion in his Canary Wharf speech that Labour is the party of wealth creation and the inventor of a distinct British model of enterprise is bound to meet with scepticism in a week that has seen cynical and futile squandering of taxpayers' money on MG Rover. Yet the claim that Labour is now more competent on the economy than the Tories is irrefutable.

Sadly, the competence has been largely in macro management, while the micro side varies from the shambolic (pensions) to the as yet unconvincing (education and healthcare). The one certainty is that business, the real wealth creator, will be vigorously milked for tax to plug the holes in Labour's public finances. Hmm.

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Ephedra ruling puzzles industry

Experts debating scope of decision

By Penni Crabtree STAFF WRITER

A national ban on diet pills containing the herbal stimulant ephedra remains largely intact despite a ruling by a federal judge in Utah that low-dose products can't be barred, the Food and Drug Administration said yesterday.

Thursday the judge ruled that the FDA had failed prove a low-dose ephedra supplement from Utah-based Nutraceutical International posed a significant health risk. A lawyer for the company, Jonathan Emord, said the ruling overturned the FDA's entire ban.

But yesterday the FDA and some legal experts said the ruling — which some characterized as lacking clarity — may be restricted to Utah and does not have such far-reaching implications.

Nutraceutical's product contained a daily ephedra dose of 10 milligrams or less, while most ephedra products removed from the market when the ban was imposed last April recommended daily doses that ranged from four to ten times that amount.

"The agency interprets the

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judge's language to mean that the ban remains in effect for products containing higher dosages of ephedra," FDA spokeswoman Kimberly Rawlings said. "The FDA is considering all options for its next steps."

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell is the latest wrinkle in a decade-old dispute about the safety of ephedra, an herbal cousin to ephedrine, the chemical used in the manufacture of the illegal street drug methamphetamine.

Dieters eager to shed pounds, and body-builders looking for a way to rev up, spent billions of dollars on such combination ephedra-caffeine pills as the top-selling Metabolife 356, made by San Diego's Metabolife International.

Yet the ephedra products also speed heart rate and constrict blood vessels, and they have been linked to numerous heart attack or stroke-related deaths and injuries.

In January 2004, California banned ephedra products, and the FDA's national ban followed four months later.

Legal experts said the FDA will almost certainly appeal the Utah judge's ruling to a higher court and request that the ban remain in place until a decision is reached.

In the three states that have imposed their own bans on ephedra supplements — California, New York, and Illinois — the Utah ruling has little effect.

Still, the ruling "opens a can of worms in a lot of ways," said <u>Robert Fellmeth</u>, director of <u>San Diego's Center for Public</u> <u>Interest Law</u>. He said it calls into question whether the FDA can enforce all or part of the ephedra ban and protect consumers from other potential problem products,

"The (Utah) court may not have a bias, but it lacks expertise. This is second-guessing the agency by a court," Fellmeth said. "If the FDA cannot protect consumers against ephedra, we have to amend the statutes so they can."

Meanwhile, consumers aren't likely to see the return of ephedra supplements to the market anytime soon, according to a leading trade group for the herbal supplement industry.

try. "Are we going to see a lot of ephedra products in the next couple of weeks? Absolutely not," said Michael McGuffin,

president of the American Herbal Products Association. "The judge's ruling only protected the Nutraceutical International brand, and I don't think anyone else will go out there and play chicken with the FDA."

Contenders on both sides of the ephedra issue — consumer watchdog groups that lobbied for an ephedra ban and the \$18 billion dietary supplement industry that fought to keep it on the shelves — said the Utah judge's decision appeared open to interpretation.

"Twe heard everything from this overturns the FDA ban' to this applies only to Nutraceutical's brand sold in Utah under 10 milligrams," said McGuffin. "But it doesn't say you can put an ephedra weight-loss product back on the market Monday."

The Utah judge's order calls for the FDA to revise its position on ephedra to make it consistent with her ruling. Judge Campbell said the amount of ephedra must be considered when evaluating its safety.

The judge also said the FDA wrongly considered whether the risks of taking ephedra outweighed the weight-loss benefits when determining to ban the products. Under the 1994 Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, or DSHEA, dietary supplements don't have to prove safety or benefit and therefore can't be judged on those grounds, according to her ruling.

"The FDA's imposition of a risk-benefit analysis places a burden on the producers (of ephedra products) to demonstrate a benefit as a precondition to sale, and that is contrary to Congress' intent," Judge Campbell wrote.

Consumer activists said the judge's ruling underscores the need to revisit DSHEA. In its current form, the law requires the FDA to prove a product is unsafe before it can remove it from the market.

"DSHEA is full of loopholes that only benefit manufacturers, and it really needs to be reformed," said Elisa Odabashian, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine. "This is just nuts. Bringing ephedra back to market even at low doses is dangerous."

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S.D. lawyer rips Aguirre in complaint

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THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

City attorney accused of not following rules, ethical codes

By Greg Moran

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A San Diego lawyer, saying he is fed up with the conduct of City Attorney Michael Aguirre, has filed a complaint with the state bar alleging Aguirre has violated professional rules and ethics.

The complaint by Hud Collins contends that Aguirre's aggressive insistence that he is an independent city attorney — a cornerstone of his campaign last year and an oft-repeated phrase in the four months he has been in office — violates the bar's rules and puts him in "absolute conflict" of ethical codes.

"He's not advising the city," Collins said. "He is doing everything contrary to what city officials are asking."

Aguirre said he did not know of the complaint and he calmly brushed off the contention that he is acting improperly.

"We follow the rules of professional conduct, and I don't agree with his analysis," he said. "I'm not worried. What I've done is completely correct. I'm very proud of what we've done."

Collins filed the complaint March 31. The State Bar of California oversees the conduct of the state's 200,321 members, and although the bar

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treats all complaints confidentially, Collins provided a copy of what he submitted.

The bar has a lengthy process for reviewing a complaint. Lawyers first evaluate it; then they can either close it or send it on for further investigation.

Bar investigators then look into the complaint. The most serious cases are referred to the bar's own court, where they become public and could end with the most serious punishments — disbarment and loss of license.

But the bar also can hand out discipline in ways short of the court, such as private admonishment, usually in a letter.

Collins, 58, has been licensed to practice in California since 1989. He has worked as a criminal defense lawyer in federal court in San Diego, and in civil practice has handled insurance cases and class-action suits.

The core of his complaint contends that Aguirre's primary legal duty is to the city, acting through its top officials the mayor, city manager and council members.

Aguirre has a running feud with two of the three — Mayor Dick Murphy and City Manager Lamont Ewell — and has openly ruptured relationships with several council members. On Tuesday, Ewell blamed Aguirre for delays in finishing the city's 2003 audit, a critical step toward the city's regaining financial strength.

"Even though he is independently elected, he is not an independent actor," Collins said in an interview. "His responsibility comes by and through city officials. Anything he does outside of that is in absolute conflict."

Collins said he is not a supporter of Murphy or others on the council who oppose Aguirre. In fact, he said, he can't vote here because his official voting residence is in New York, and he voted there by absentee ballot.

In comments before the council, Collins has called on Councilmen Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet to resign because they are under federal indictment on charges of accepting money and favors from a strip club owner in a scheme to relax city rules on the clubs.

He does not show up as a donor to any of the political campaigns in the last election. Collins said he had no "ax to grind" but is motivated simply by Aguirre's conduct.

"I am flat-out, as an attorney, disgusted with Mr. Aguirre's actions," he said. "That is the only reason I am voicing an opinion." His complaint references several actions by Aguirre that Collins said create a conflict. They include the three reports on the city's pension crisis that Aguirre has published.

The pension system faces a \$1.37 billion deficit. In the reports, Aguirre has concluded that the mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the pension understated the problem, the mayor and the council may have committed civil violations of federal securities laws, and the benefits granted employees over the past decade were illegal.

Aguirre has tried to assert himself as the lawyer for the pension board, which the board has resisted. In the complaint, Collins said both that move and Aguirre's proposed solutions were done without direction of the City Council or mayor.

He also said in the complaint that Aguirre put himself in conflict with the City Council by injecting himself into the Mount Soledad cross controversy. The council has voted to move the cross, but cross supporters have collected thousands of signatures to force a referendum to reverse the decision.

In March, Aguirre issued an opinion that said voters should be allowed to pursue the petition drive and referendum, and he held a public forum on the questions. "He can't willy-nilly go out there and run a forum" and back the petition drive, Collins said He sa duty was

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Robert I eth, founder of the Center for Public Interest Law at the <u>University of San</u> <u>Diego</u> and an expert on the state bar and legal ethics, said the complaint raises an interesting issue but ignores the unique position that the San Diego city attorney occupies.

Aguirre has a dual role as the legal adviser to the city and the prosecutor of misdemeanor crimes in the city, Fellmeth said. The second role gives him more leeway — and more responsibility — than other municipal attorneys who do not have prosecutorial power.

"A public attorney who enforces criminal and civil statutes is in a different position than private legal counsel," he said. "He's not a hired gun for the City Council. That's not his function here."

Fellmeth said the bar probably would view the complaint as a "political question" and may not take action.

Aguirre said he is confident he has acted properly.

"I think I'm doing exactly what I'm elected to do and carrying out my responsibility as defined in the Rules of Professional Conduct," he said. "And I intend to continue on in exactly the same way."

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Feud festers between Aguirre, other officials

By Philip J. LaVelle, STAFF WRITER

Fault lines between San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre and other top law enforcement officials appeared to widen yesterday, with Aguirre accusing District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis

of improper fundraising at City Hall and the police chief openly questioning his methods.

The infighting came a day after Dumanis, in a presentation to the City Council that took Aguirre by surprise, suggested shifting the criminal prosecution division of Aguirre's office to her agency.

Touted as a cost-saving measure, the idea has bounced around local

government here for about a decade. But Aguirre, a onetime Dumanis ally, said it was a veiled "political assassination attempt" intended to strip him of his authority at a time when his investigations of city finances have rattled City Hall.

Analysts and other veteran observers say the Aguirre-Dumanis clash is a symptom of a broader

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Michael Aguirre

DUMANIS

Ex-Murphy aide denies role in presentation

breakdown in leadership at a City Hall. There are federal investigations. A gaping pension deficit. And a budget gap is threatening the city's ability to do fundamental work such as cleaning wastewater and repairing streets marred by an estimated 60,000 potholes.

"It's basically open warfare at City Hall ... and it's absolutely abhorrent in terms of good governance," said former longtime City Manager Jack McGrory, an executive with Price Enterprises.

In the latest skirmish, Dumanis showed up at the City Council's Tuesday hearing, accompanied by Police Chief William Lansdowne and Sheriff Bill Kolender and armed with a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Aguirre was not in the chambers at the time, but rushed over. Wagging his finger, he had terse words with Mayor Dick Murphy, challenged Dumanis' plan and later told a news conference he was ambushed.

With 68 lawyers, the criminal division accounts for more than half of Aguirre's office's total strength, including the Public Integrity Unit. Aguirre's financial investigations have been conducted by civil-division lawyers.

The idea of giving up the criminal division to the county was rejected by the council in May. Proponents note that few large California cities have their city attorneys prosecute misdemeanors, giving that work instead to district attorneys. Dumanis said her proposal would save the city \$2 million.

Councilwoman Toni Atkins said the idea "probably has more of a chance this goaround."

"Number one, it has to do with budget concerns," she said. "Number two, there's no love lost between the mayor, the city attorney and some members of the council. Some of these things are in play and it would be dishonest to say that they don't all factor in."

As for how it was unveiled Tuesday, Dumanis said in a prepared statement that her report "was made available to all elected officials at the same time." However, Murphy and Councilman Michael Zucchet said they were told of her appearance the day before, and Councilman Scott Peters said he was informed Friday.

Armed with evidence of Dumanis fundraising activity at City Hall, Aguirre went on the offensive, accusing her of improperly asking for endorsements and campaign cash from elected officials in the midst of investigations. She is up for re-election next year. "How can the district attorney be investigating the City Council members when she's asking them for money?" Aguirre asked yesterday.

Dumanis, through a spokesman, declined to be interviewed for this story.

Last month, the District Attorney's Office opened an investigation into whether former members of the city pension board broke the state conflict-of-interest law in 2002 by voting to give the green light to City Hall's continued underfunding of the pension system in exchange for benefit increases.

This investigation does not appear to target the City Council directly. Aguirre said Dumanis' office has a prosecutor assigned to a separate U.S. Attorney's Office investigation into City Hall.

A fundraising letter dated March 28 arrived at Councilwoman Donna Frye's office Monday. Aguirre said "it could be argued that this is extortion." He compared Dumanis' fundraising to the case of Comen Ralph Inzunza and Zucchet, on trial in federal court next procharges they accepted money are vegas strip-club owner in a set to relax adult entertainment lay

A prominent local lega cullus expert took a different view.

"I don't think Dumaning a problem right now," said Robert Fellmeth, founder of the Center for Public Interest Law at the <u>University of San Diego</u> Law School. "I think Dumanis *would* have a problem soliciting from the council when and if they become targets of her investigation."

The Dumanis letter said an early endorsement by elected officials "can show the public that I have the confidence of elected officials throughout the County, and that we will continue the important programs and projects we have implemented together."

The correspondence included pledge cards and a separate invitation to a fundraiser hosted by Kolender scheduled for today in Mission Valley.

Frye said she found her Dumanis endorsement letter in her mail after Tuesday's meeting. It was unclear yesterday how many other elected officials received a similar letter, but, Frye said, "I'm sure I'm not the only council member she sent it to."

Frye also said she thought Dumanis' presentation Tuesday was rude.

"I'm seriously thinking of sending her a book on etiquette. That was conduct unbecoming an elected official, especially somebody that was a judge," said Frye, adding, "Guess what? She may not use my name for her re-election and I will not be attending her fundraiser."

Meantime, Lansdowne confirmed yesterday that his appearance with Dumanis at Tuesday's council meeting was intended, in part, to signal displeasure with Aguirre.

"It's a clear statement by the highest levels of law enforcement that there is concern about how Michael Aguirre is managing his office ... that there is a concern about his behavior and some of the comments he has made about public officials," said Lansdowne, adding that he was "outraged" at Aguirre's criticism of Dumanis.

"She didn't deserve those comments. They're unwarranted and unfair. Her statements are pure, to provide the best possible service she can to the entire county of San Diego," he said.

Aguirre shot back: "Chief Lansdowne should keep his nose out of politics and spend less time lobbying the council."

Aguirre and Lansdowne have had a challenging relationship from the start. In December, Lansdowne turned down Aguirre's request for full-time police protection, and he hired a deputy city attorney, who researched the issue, whom Aguirre fired. Police were also reportedly irritated when Aguirre fired a deputy who specialized in defending police.

Kolender called Dumanis' proposition "reasonable."

As for Aguirre's style, Kolender said: "Look, the guy gets mad. If you're an elected official like me, or a reporter, you can't get mad. There are things that you like and things that you don't like, but you do not take it personal, you handle it professionally."

Told of Kolender's remark, Aguirre said: "I've learned a lot of lessons from Bill Kolender, who is someone that has done an excellent job over the years, and I think whatever constructive criticism he has, I take to heart."

In an earlier interview, Aguirre speculated that Murphy's former chief of staff, John Kern, may have helped orchestrate the Dumanis appearance. Kern was political strategist to Dumanis in judicial campaigns, and her run for district attorney was handled by a former Kern associate, Jennifer Tierney.

"It just doesn't have the right feel to it, let's put it that way," he said.

Other political pros also suspected the hand of Kern.

"This is a great counterattack (against Aguirre) by Kern and Murphy," said political strategist Larry Remer, who helped run District Attorney Paul Pfingst's unsuccessful re-election campaign against Dumanis in 2002. "I think it's brilliant. I'm just sorry I didn't think of it."

Kern denied any involvement.

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DA Starts Legal Turf War With City Attorney

Prosecutor Seeks To Take San Diego Misdemeanor Cases

Blistering Response

By Claude Walbert

Daily Journal Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO — A legal turf war broke out Tuesday when District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis asked the City Council to move misdemeanor prosecutions from the city attorney's office to hers.

The surprise plan, unveiled at a council meeting, drew a blistering response from City Attorney Mike Aguirre, who said diverting personnel from his office would slow his investigation into the city pension fund deficit.

"It would be a catastrophic mistake to transfer the criminal division of the city attorney's office, especially now, to the jurisdiction of the district attorney's office," Aguirre said.

'Serious Crimes'

"The district attorney's office, instead of worrying about misdemeanors, needs to worry about more serious crimes, crimes that involve resources and threats to the community that are not at the misdemeanor level," he said. Aguirre, Dumanis, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. attorney's office all are investigating possible financial wrongdoing by city officials and employees that led to a \$2 billion deficit.

Dumanis' plan would shrink Aguirre's office dramatically. The proposal calls for eliminating 66 deputy city attorneys and 150 staff members, cutting in half the size of Aguirre's lawyer staff.

Half as Many

Dumanis invited the lawyers who would lose their jobs to apply for positions with her office. She would need only half as many — 35, she said — for misdemeanor prosecutions.

Yet, she said, her office could prosecute the same number of misdemeanor cases per year — 40,000 — as Aguirre's office does.

"We believe that is good government," Dumanis said.

She said the change would bring San Diego in line with other large cities in the state. except Los Angeles and Anaheir whose city attorneys prosecute misd meanors.

Robert C. Fellmeth, Price Professor of Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego, said the plan may look like a political power play by Dumanis, but he doesn't think it is.

"I don't know that Bonnie can be accused of playing politics," Fellmeth said. "To me, it's an issue of efficiency. Are there economies of scale?"

"This is just a little bit of a turf battle between folks," he said.

Aguirre denied that the transfer would save money and said the council had decided only last year against making the change.

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High court to hear Md. 'Miranda' case San Diego Univ. of 4154

By ANDREA F. SIEGEL SUNSTAFF

Teen implicated self in Annapolis murder

At the urging of Maryland prosecutors, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed yesterday to hear the case of a teenager who allegedly implicated himself in a high-profile Annapolis slaying but was not tried because state

fairly questioned by police.

The decision, which experts say could lead to a further honing by the justices of the socalled "Miranda rights" familiar

seemed all but over.

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran Jr. asked the high court to intervene after the Maryland Court of Appeals threw out to viewers of police dramas, re- Leeander Jerome Blake's statejudges determined he was un- vives a murder case that ment to police, ruling that An-

napolis police improperly questioned him after he had invoked his right to remain silent and have a lawyer present.

In separate police interviews, Blake, then 17, and a friend reportedly blamed each other in the September 2002 carjackingkilling of Straughan Lee Griffin in the city's historic district.

That Blake was freed last year by the state's highest court and, under a quirk in Maryland law, could not be tried short of action by the Supreme Court. led prosecutors to say Blake might get away with murder something his E See Court, 4A]

attorney sharply disputes.

Under state law, prosecutors who lose pretrial appeals must drop charges if they are unsuccessful. Maryland lawmakers recently voted to change that law in homicide cases.

Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Frank R. Weathersbee called the high court's decision the "beginning of a crucial stage on our road to justice for the murder of Lee Griffin."

"We are thankful that the country's highest court has agreed to our appeal in this matter," Weathersbee said in a statement.

From her Portsmouth, Va., home, Virginia Griffin, the victim's mother, called the Supreme Court's action a "step toward getting Mr. Blake toward trial. He should at least be tried by his peers."

Curran said in a statement that he was pleased to have the opportunity to bring the case to the Supreme Court, which accepts only about 100 cases a year out of more than 7,000 requests. He is asking that Blake's statement to police be allowed.

Blake's lawyer said his client is innocent and he expects to prevail at the high court. "We believe we are right on

the law. We expect the Supreme Court to uphold the decision by the Court of Appeals - the unanimous decision by the Court of Appeals," said Kenneth W. Ravenell, Blake's attorney.

Curran's request represented prosecutors' last hope to bring Blake to trial on charges that he and a friend, Terrence Tolbert. killed Griffin as the 51-year-old business owner was unloading

groceries in front of his home near the State House on Sept. 19, 2002.

After a legal roller coaster over the admissibility of his statements, Tolbert was convicted this year of first-degree murder in the slaving and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Griffin had just taken drycleaning out of his Jeep shortly

before dusk when two youths approached him. He was shot in the head from inches away. His keys were taken. As the carjackers fled in his Jeep, they ran over him.

About a month later, Blake and Tolbert were arrested.

While in custody, Blake asked to speak with a lawyer. In the lockup, he was handed charging paperwork that said his friend pinned the crime on him and erroneously said he was eligible for the death penalty.

Then an officer told him, "I bet you want to talk now, huh?" A detective admonished the officer in front of Blake. A half-hour later, Blake asked to speak with the detective and gave a statement.

But in June 2003, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge Pamela L. North excluded Blake's statement, saying that police had trampled upon the teen's rights. Prosecutors gambled on an appeal.

Blake was freed because of a state law that said defendants must be let out when a prosecutor appeals a judge's pretrial ruling. (Legislators later changed that law, too).

That November, the state's second-highest court reversed North's decision and Blake was jailed again. Then his attorney

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appealed to the state's highest court, which found last June that Blake's statements were inadmissible. Blake has been free ever since.

The question facing the Supreme Court is whether the jailed Blake approached the detective voluntarily in late 2002 which is permissible — or was frightened and prompted into giving a statement.

Legal scholars said the case raises issues that hark back to 1966, when the high court said in *Miranda v. Arizona* that police had to issue warnings to suspects that begin with "You have the right to remain silent." Ever since then, courts have been interpreting different circumstances of the warning.

In later years, the court ruled that once a person in custody asks for a lawyer, police cannot question him about any criminal matter unless the suspect approaches the police. Nevertheless, in a decision five years ago, the court refused to overrule its famous *Miranda* ruling.

Legal experts speculated that the court, increasingly dominated by conservatives, took the case to narrow the application of the *Miranda* warnings.

Yale Kamisar, a law professor at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, said the case could give the

court an opportunity to chip away at defendants' rights which he called a "distinct possibility. ... I think the court has been reading *Miranda* narrowly."

Last year, the court allowed as evidence a weapon located only after a suspect who had not been fully advised of his rights told them where it was, he said.

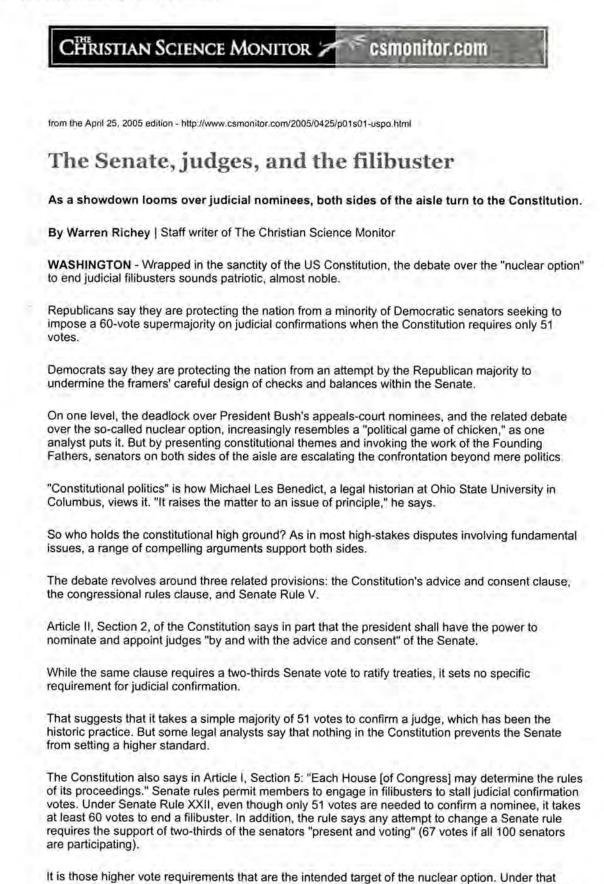
"It would not be surprising if the court reversed," he said. "On the other hand, I still think the Maryland court was right."

Michael Greenberger, a law professor at the University of Maryland, said he suspects the court's decision to hear the case indicates that at least several justices think Annapolis police did not violate Blake's rights.

"I think they are heading in the direction that makes the strict application of the *Mi*randa doctrine not as necessary by police officers or law enforcement officers," he said.

But Mark A. Graber, who teaches constitutional law at the University of Maryland College Park and at the law school, said this could well be a tough case to overturn on the facts — the teenager, alone and frightened, read official paperwork that said his friend blamed him and in capital letters said he was charged with a capital offense. Then came the officer's pointed remark.

Said Graber: "It would seem to be a very heavy burden on the state to show that these [circumstances] have no effect." AZCentral.com April 25, 2005



option, the Republicans would use a majority vote (rather than 67 votes) to change the filibuster rule

from 60 votes to 51 votes.

That would implicate Senate Rule V, which says that the Senate's rules shall continue from one Senate to the next "unless they are changed as provided in these rules."

Republicans say the combination of Rule V and open-ended Democratic filibusters of judges can result in unconstitutional entrenchment, rendering Rule V invalid. This is why some Republicans are calling it the "constitutional option." Democrats say the rules are clear and fair, and should not be unilaterally changed in the middle of a heated dispute.

Overall, Republicans and their supporters say there is a constitutional duty to provide the Senate's advice and/or consent through an up-or-down majority vote on each presidential nominee. To use a filibuster to block a majority vote is to rewrite the Constitution and undermine the fundamental concept of majority rule, they say.

Democrats and their supporters stress that the Senate must follow its own rules when carrying out advice and consent responsibilities. The filibuster rules are designed to protect the interests of the minority party by creating an incentive for majority senators to reach out for compromise rather than adopting a winner-take-all approach. The result of compromise is almost always better government, they say.

"Democratic senators represent a majority of the population, but they are a minority in the Senate," says Erwin Chemerinsky, a constitutional law professor at Duke University in Durham, N.C. "The filibuster in part is a reflection of that - the way in which senators who represent the majority can act as a check on the majority of senators who represent a minority of the population."

Professor Chemerinsky says the Republican focus on a majority vote is more doesn't change the fact that to be confirmed it takes a majority," he says number of votes does it take to end debate. And there is nothing in the number of votes it takes to end debate."

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Not every constitutional scholar is siding with either the Democrats or the Republicans. "I think both sides are wrong," says John McGinnis, a constitutional law professor of Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago.

Professor McGinnis and Michael Rappaport of the <u>University of San Diego School of Law</u> have identified what they see as a constitutional anomaly in how the Senate rules function. First, they say, the Republicans are wrong by insisting that judicial confirmation is limited to a majority vote. "There is nothing in the advice and consent clause that says the Senate cannot choose to have a confirmation rule by something other than a majority," McGinnis says.

Second, they say, the Democrats are wrong by insisting that the Senate rules can require more than a majority of senators to change any rule, "If a majority could adopt a supermajority rule that could not be repealed by the majority, they could do all kinds of things," says Professor Rappaport. "It would not be necessary to pass a constitutional amendment when the First Congress adopted the Bill of Rights. They could have passed a statute and then just one house, the Senate, could have said, 'This statute shall not be repealed without the consent of 100 percent,' " he says.

"That is extremely odd to think that a single house of Congress could insulate something when in fact legislation requires both houses of Congress to pass, and presentment to the president," Rappaport also says.

The professors say there would be nothing unconstitutional about a Senate rule requiring 60 votes to confirm judicial appointments, but a simple majority of senators must always have the ability to change the rule.

"I disagree on every level," Chemerinsky says. "If Congress were ever to say it takes a 100 percent vote - or 60 or 80 percent - to change this law ... I think that is unconstitutional entrenchment."

To Senate historian Richard Baker, such heated debates are nothing new. "Isn't it wonderful to drape the mantle of the Constitution around what it is you want to accomplish?" he says. "You can't blame people for trying, and they have been doing that for a long time."

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'FIGHT FOR THE LANDS'

By Sandra Dibble STAFF WRITER

EDINBURG, Texas — She learned the story as a little girl, growing up amid rattlesnakes and cactus thorns on a small cattle ranch in south Texas. The land is ours, they told her, all the way to the horizon and beyond. It was granted to our ancestors by Spain and Mexico, they said, then stolen after it became part of the United States in 1848.

Aminta Zárate wants compensation — from Mexico.

She is 86, a widow of prodigious memory and unswerving will. Over the past 27 years, she has gone to court, spoken with senators, met with ambassadors, petitioned presidents. And now the former elementary school cafeteria manager has joined forces with a San Diego law professor, demanding more than \$2 billion from Mexico on behalf of her group, the Asociación de Reclamantes, or Association of Land Claimants.

"It's more than money," Zárate said on a recent Saturday morning, seated inside a small office attached to her beige brick house in this quiet town of 45,000 residents. "I want justice for what they've done to our ancestors, that's what I want."

The story is an odd historical footnote, overlooked in textbooks and unspoken in the classrooms of south Texas. But it has been passed down, like a burning torch, from generation to generation among the descendants of the original European settlers of this harsh, flat region on the U.S.-Mexico border — land that belonged to Spain, then Mexico, then the United States. The Cárdenas and the Cantus and the Ballis, the

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Jorge A. Vargas, a law professor at the University of San Diego, is defending the Asociación de Reclamantes.

Longorias and the Cavazos and the Zárates, families whose ancestors never crossed the border. Rather, they like to say, the border crossed them, in 1848, after the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Their petition boils down to this: In 1941, Mexico signed a treaty with the United States, agreeing to compensate 433 south Texas families for the loss of 12 million acres between the Rio Grande and Nueces rivers. The land once belonged to their ancestors and was part of Mexico, then became U.S. territory when the 1848 treaty was signed. But Mexico never did pay — and it shows no signs it will.

"This case has been covered with a veil," said Jorge A. Vargas, a professor of international law at the <u>University of San</u> <u>Diego</u> who has taken up the cause of the Asociación de Reclamantes. "No one knows about this case in Mexico. If you interview historians, diplomats, attorneys, no one knows about it." He has brought the issue before Mexico's National Commission for Human Rights and is awaiting a reply. Vargas says the petition is a test of President Vicente Fox's administration's commitment to human rights.

It is one of the longest-running land disputes in the Southwest, and unusual because the claimants, mostly U.S. citizens. are targeting Mexico for injusuffered after the lands no longer part of Mexico. he claims raise some delie issues, and at first sight, he group's demands might seem downright bizarre. Why would Mexico, where many are still smarting over the loss of vast parts of territory to the United States, agree to pay such a staggering amount of money to a group of U.S. citizens?

Some say Zárate is a quixotic figure, waging a hopeless campaign. But she's won her share of admirers.

"She's a great lady and I love her. A hero," said Jess Araujo, a personal injury attorney in Orange County. "She means well and has tried everything, but there are a lot of players on the chessboard at this point, and she's just one small part of it."

Araujo was part of the original team of attorneys who represented the *Asociación de Reclamantes* from its founding in 1978 until the mid-1980s, working on a contingency basis.

In its heyday, when victory seemed more likely, the association swelled to more than 7,000 members. Today, there are fewer than 200. Zárate is secretary-treasurer, and her eldest daughter, Yolanda, 65, is president.

"My sisters say: 'You're crazy. Mexico will never pay. Why are you spending your time that way?' My nieces, they don't think it's possible, it's too much work," said Yolanda Zárate, a registered nurse. "We want to give it one more try, in our lifetime. We want everybody to know the truth." Yolanda cries easily as she tells the story, recalling injustice done to her ancestors. But Aminta Zárate said she never weeps.

She is a small woman, with a commanding presence and oldfashioned reserve. Yet her eyes brighten when she talks about growing up on a ranch, about the trips to churches and courthouses of northern Mexico and south Texas with her late husband, Julián, to dig up birth and death and marriage records.

"Peleen por las tierras, porque van a ganar," Julián told her, as he lay dying of cancer in 1995.

"Fight for the lands, because you will win."

Aminta Cavazos Zárate traces her ancestry to 16 land grants, the largest belonging to José Narciso Cavazos, her great-great-grandfather, who was deeded 600,000 acres in 1792 by the king of Spain. That grant was known as San Juan de Carricitos.

Between 1750 and 1848. Spain and Mexico made 365 land grants in the region defined by the Nueces River and the Rio Grande. The settlements that sprouted there were a means of sealing off the wealthy Spanish mining regions in central Mexico from the French and the English, said Armando C. Alonzo, a Texas historian whose book, "Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas, 1734-1900," looks at land tenure in the region.

Though claimed by the independent Republic of Texas, the Nueces region remained part of Mexico until 1848, when the border was drawn at the Rio Grande and the lands became part of the United States. Today, the area is known as the Rio Grande Valley, or the Trans-Nueces Strip, sometimes the Wild Horse Desert. Worn gravestones, old wells and the crumbling foundations of houses hint at the days of rancheros. The residents are largely Hispanic. Unlike other regions, families with Spanish surnames here are not newcomers, but descendants of the oldest settlers.

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended two years of bloody war between the United States and Mexico, is key to the claims of Zárate and the *Asociación de Reclamantes*. Under Article Eight of the treaty, the United States promised to uphold the private property rights of Mexicans who ended up on the U.S. side of the border.

Lawsuits alleging violations of the treaty have arisen across the former Mexican territories, from California to New Mexico to Colorado. But in Texas, an independent republic for nine years before it became part of the United States in 1845, events unfolded differently. And today, large numbers of descendants of the original grantees continue to keep the past alive.

"The California land grants

were adjudicated under federal law, and settled before the turn of the century in court," said Richard Griswold del Castillo, a San Diego State University professor and author of "The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo." But in Texas, property claims were reviewed by a state land commission. And unlike Southern California, large numbers of Tejano heirs of the original grantees have remained in the region, passing on stories of past injustice. During the turbulent decades that followed the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, many rancheros and their descendants lost their properties, piece by piece, to Anglo settlers imbued with the spirit of Manifest Destiny. A large part of San Juan Carricitos became part of the vast King Ranch — Zárate says through deceitful practices, but the King Ranch has insisted that it got its lands through legitimate means.

Descendants of the land grantees found themselves with smaller and smaller parcels, they say, and treated as second-class citizens. Historians have documented racism, violence and land fraud against Mexican families. But to this day they debate to what extent

this caused the displacement from their lands.

Alonzo, who is a visiting professor at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, says the causes of land loss were complex.

"Did Anglos take advantage of some Mexicans? There is no question in my mind that this did happen. Did it happen all the time? No," Alonzo said. Before drawing conclusions, he advocates careful review of each grant, some of which back 250 years.

But this much can be doct mented: In 1923, the United States and Mexico established a General Claims Commission to settle outstanding claims between the two countries rising from the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Mexican government officials reached out in south Texas among the population of Mexican origin, soliciting claims for loss of property and other injuries, and presented them as Mexican claims to the commission. It was a tactic, some say, to offset U.S. claims. The United States presented 2,781 claims against Mexico, worth \$513 million, on behalf of its citizens, many of whom had lost oil wells in Mexico. Mexico presented 836 claims against the United States, for \$245 mil-

lion; of those, 433 were in south Texas, representing 12 million acres valued \$193.6 million. San Juan Carricitos, Zárate's ancestral land, was among the claims.

For the next 16 years, nothing was done. Then, in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, anxious to prevent Mexico from joining the Axis powers, proposed an arrangement: The two countries would swap claims, and each would treat the claims as a domestic issue.

It was a good deal for Mexico, given the difference in sums. The United States asked for an additional \$40 million from Mexico, but agreed to pay all the outstanding claims lodged by U.S. citizens against Mexico.

Mexico, in turn, agreed to pay the claims that had originally been aimed at the United States, including the Texas land grant claims.

By 1948, the United States had paid off its claims. Mexican President Manuel A'vila Camacho had signed a decree in 1941 calling for legislation to provide compensation for its claimants. But the law was never passed.

"The decree was enacted, nd nothing happened after that," said Vargas, of the University of San Diego, "That is certainly a constitutional violation."

The heirs began protesting early on. Doors occasionally opened, but in the end, they always closed and the heirs went home to south Texas empty-handed.



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His energy's in energy

Mutual fund part of personal crusade

By Dean Calbreath

STAFF WRITER

Last month wasn't the best time to launch a mutual fund, especially a fund based in such a speculative field as alternative energy, Encinitas academic Robert Wilder has learned.

On March 3, Wilder — a longtime environmentalist specializing in energy issues launched the PowerShares WilderHill Exchange-Traded Fund, based on a stock index he devised last summer to tracksolar, wind and fuel-cell technology companies.

For Wilder, who invested \$50,000 in savings to bring the fund to Wall Street, the fund is part of a personal crusade to

improve the environment.

"I've been working for much of my career on environmental issues for academia and nonprofits, but I wanted to go beyond that and make a difference," he said.

At a time when oil prices were hitting record highs, the fund — backed by the American Stock Exchange and boosted by reports in *Business Week*, on CNN and MSN Money — touched a nerve among investors. In its first day of trading, the fund sold 650,000 shares, worth \$10 million.

But as prices on Wall Street softened — dragged down by signs of a weakening economy — the fund began a downhill slide that it has just recently started to end, dropping from \$15.82 to \$13.18.

To critics of the fund — one of a number of exchange-traded

funds that the American Stock Exchange floated lately — the slide was to be expected, given the experimental nature of many clean-energy technology companies.

"Buying for exposure to clean energy or any other sector is like spending money on the lottery because you want exposure to gambling," stock analyst Tim Beyers wrote in the popular Motley Fool.com Web site. "Neither make sense unless, of course, you want to lose money."

But Wilder defends the fund. "If you look at the past few weeks, we're down 15 percent," he said. "But if you look at where the index was last August, it is still up nearly 12 percent. A lot of things are just a matter of timing."

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Robert Wilder

Chief executive and founder of Wildershares and manager of the WilderHill Clean Energy Stock Index.

Personal: Born March 9, 1960, in Baltimore. Wife Dianna and two children, Carson, 10, and Sophia, 7.

Education: Law degree, the University of San Diego, 1985; Ph.D. in environmental policy and technology, UC Santa Barbara, 1991.

Work experience: Fulbright Fellow, University of the South Pacific, Fiji, 1992-93; lecturer in environmental science and management and assistant researcher in political science, UC Santa Barbara, 1993-96; assistant professor of political science, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, 1996-99; chief executive, Cell Institute, 1996-present; coordinator of a marine conservation program for The Nature Conservancy, 2002-present.

Other activities: Author of "Listening to the Sea," a book describing the effect of energy usage on ocean pollution and marine biodiversity. So far, many of the fund's major investors have stuck with it despite the volatility.

"I invested when the fund first came out, and it's gone down ever since," said Rona Fried, head of SustainableBusiness.com, who has invested in WilderHill as well as serving on its advisory board.

"But if we want to reflect the sector as a whole, we have understand that a lot of are emerging companies," said. "Some of these companiwill eventually go by the way side, but others will do well. In general, I still feel the clean-energy field is a very exciting place to be."

To Wilder, the short-term movements of the stock fund are almost irrelevant, compared with the long-term potential of some companies listed in the index — and their potential impact on the way the United States uses energy.

Wilder notes that some industry sources — led by Clean Edge Inc., an energy research consulting firm — project that the market for clean energy, including wind, solar and fuel cells, will grow to \$92 billion over the next eight years, roughly seven times its present size.

As prices for clean energy go down, he says, usage will go up. The cost of wind and solar technology has declined by 80 percent over the past two decades, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, and continued price declines are projected into the future, even as the price of oil and gas rises.

"This is an important field," Wilder said. "San Diego spends so much time talking about being a biotech center. Maybe we can help make it a clean-energy center as well."

At his home-and-office complex on a one-acre lot in Encinitas, Wilder lives and breathes energy conservation. He refers to his home as a "demonstration site," a showcase for how new technologies can be used to save energy and reduce the world's dependence on fossil fuels. An array of 21 solar panels generate electricity for his house. Solar-powered thermal collectors heat his water. An experimental hydrogen fuel cell runs a fan. The lighting system relies on energy-saving fluorescent tubes instead of the more traditional incandescent bulbs. He is laying the groundwork for using wind power on the property. And he is scouting around for a hydrogen-powered car as well — "something to drive the kids to school in."

Wilder has been involved in the environmental field for 20 years — but not on the investment end.

He originally envisioned a career in environmental law, obtaining his law degree from the

<u>University of San Diego</u> in 1985. Instead of working in the courtroom, however, he drifted toward academia, specializing in environmental policy and technology.

After gaining a doctorate at the University of California Santa Barbara in 1991, Wilder taught at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji and subsequently lectured or worked as an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and the San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campuses of the University of California.

During most of his academic career, Wilder was involved in research on how the use of clean technologies on land could affect water quality and life in the ocean, eventually publishing a book on the subject: "Listening to the Sea."

About five years ago, Wilder took on the hobby of tracking firms that were involved in clean energy, especially wind and solar firms. He thought that a mutual fund based on those companies would not only benefit investors — putting them on the ground floor of some cutting-edge technology — but would help advance the cause of cleaner energy. "I looked around Wall Street and saw that there were a lot of environmental funds, based on waste management or pollution remediation," he said. "And there were a lot of energy funds, but they're all based on oil and other traditional power supplies. But there weren't any funds concentrating in clean energy. I felt that if we were going to address climate change, we needed to look at ways to emphasize clean energy."

With the help of founding partner Elias Aznak, a pioneer in the hydrogen energy field, and securities research director Josh Landess, who holds an economics degree from the University of Illinois, Wilder began putting together a list of companies that he thought were building "energy-saving technologies that were economically and environmentally smart."

After word of Wilder's index began to spread, he was approached by a mutual-fund company named PowerShares, which asked him if he would like to put the fund on Wall Street. Wilder, who had saved \$50,000 for energy-related innovations for his house, instead invested the money in the creation of the mutual fund, to pay management and registration fees.

The American Stock Exchange, which has been promoting exchange-traded funds, offered Wilder support. Two officials from the exchange now sit on his board of advisers.



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SAN DIEGO - In a case setting the standard for municipal storm water permits throughout the state, the California Supreme Court rejected a request by the Building Industry to review a lower court decision upholding a storm water permit in San Diego. The case is important statewide because other construction groups and cities have challenged similar permit requirements. The contested permit required cities to apply storm water controls that will protect California's waters. The Building Industry claimed that cities should not be required to ensure that runoff, including that from new construction, meets water quality standards. Both the Superior Court and the Court of Appeal in San Diego had upheld the storm water permit issued by the San Diego Regional Water Board to the cities and county of San Diego. The Building Industry filed the suit, first in the Superior Court and then in the Court of Appeal, claiming that the storm water permit went too far by requiring compliance with water quality standards. Instead, the association claimed, the agencies could only require cleanup "to the maximum extent practicable." Both lower courts rejected the association's claim, and the Supreme Court let the rulings stand. Citing the "numerous harmful pollutants" that are discharged in storm water runoff to the Bay and other water bodies without receiving any treatment, the Court of Appeal issued a lengthy opinion, concluding that the permit's requirements to protect water quality are proper. The court also said the Building Industry's legal challenges were unsupported and unpersuasive. In response to the Supreme Court's decision, Arthur Baggett, chair of the State Water Board, said, "We are very grateful that every court that has considered these issues have upheld our permits and has agreed that storm water permits are appropriate tools for cleaning up waters damaged by urban runoff." Jack Minan, chair of the San Diego Regional Board and a professor of law at University of San Diego, said, "The court ruled correctly and the result will be a cleaner San Diego Bay." Several environmental groups, including Natural Resources Defense Council, also participated in the lawsuit, urging rts to uphold the permit. the c

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Carlsbad commission postpones Lake Calavera dam-repair decision By: BARBARA HENRY - Staff Writer

CARLSBAD ---- The plugs that keep water from draining out of Lake Calavera will remain in place for at least another year.

In a 6-0 vote, the Carlsbad Planning Commission agreed Wednesday to indefinitely postpone a decision on a dam-repair project that would have required temporarily draining much of the lake's water-

"Over the last couple days, the staff has received a large number of comments (against Planning Director Don Neu said as he announced the staff's sudden request to delay the ea)," Assistant sion.

Commission Chairman Jeff Segall then apologized to the some 60 people who had com meeting, saying he was sorry they couldn't be notified sooner of the delay. After the anr celebrated outside the meeting room and vowed to return when the project reappears b Vednesday's ement, opponents the commission.

When that will be is in debate because it's going to take time to respond to the issues the poponents raised in their letters, said city Senior Planner Mike Grim. It isn't the number of letters the city received, but their size and content, he said, adding that some are 10 to 15 pages long. One comes from the University of San Diego's Environmental Law Clinic.

"Some of the stuff we're hearing is a repeat of what we've heard, but some of it is new," Grim said as he discussed the project, which has been years in the making.

Essentially, Wednesday's decision means that there's no chance of the repair work happening this summer as proposed, he said. And, if work can't start this summer, then it will have to wait at least another year.

Plans have called for draining 77 million gallons from the lake over several weeks during the summer, then allowing the lake to refill naturally with winter rains. Before the lake refills, the contractors would replace the valves and do other work on the dam area. The valves haven't functioned properly since the late 1990s, and city officials say they have to do something about the problem because they're not in compliance with state dam regulations.

Calavera area residents and environmentalists who have fought the plan say the city is going about the project in the wrong manner. They want Carlsbad to consider using divers to do the job or building a small "coffer" dam around the work area.

"Absolutely, the dam needs to be repaired, but, as we have said, it needs to be done in a different way," said Diane Nygaard, a leader of the environmental group Preserve Calavera, which works on issues related to the Mount Calavera region.

In order for the project to proceed, the Planning Commission would need to approve a habitat management permit because of the project's impacts to a 0.78-acre area of native coastal habitat. The project also will require a conditional-use permit because the city plans to build a small dam-control building next to the lake.

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Governor Names Three To Bench By - 4/7/2005 San Diego Business Journal Staff

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has made three appointments to the San Dieger perior Court bench.

Lorna A. Alksne, 40, of La Jolla has served as commissioner of the out since 2001, where she presides over family law court. Previously, she served as a special assistant to the distinct attorney in San Diego County, and worked as an attorney with Paul, Plevin and Sullivan.

Alksne, who declined to state her party, fills the vacancy of by the retirement of Judge Wayne L. Peterson. She earned her law degree from the University of San Diego.

David G. Brown, 54, of Oceanside has more than 25 years of medical malpractice law experience. He has served an attorney and partner with Neil, Dymott, Brown, Frank and Harrison for more than 20 years, and served for nore than seven years as a U.S. Marine Corps officer. He earned his law degree from the UCLA.

A Democrat, Brown fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Sheridan E. Reed.

Earl H. Mass III, 43, of San Diego has worked as a trial lawyer for more than 15 years, specializing in legal malphactice defense. He was an attorney with Maas, Miyamoto and Bernstein. Prior to that, he was with Chapin, Shea, Mchutt and Carter.

A shareholder with the law firm of Thompson, Alessio and Maas, he earned his law degree from the University of San Diego. A Republican, he fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Bernard E. Revak.

The positions each pay \$139,784.

- Pat Broderick

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Governor Puts Three on Superior Court Bench

By Claude Walbert

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Daily Journal Staff Writer S AN DIEGO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday appointed three people with varied political backgrounds to seats on the San Diego Superior Court.

The three are David G. Brown, a medical-malpractice lawyer, Lorna A. Alksne, a family law commissioner, and Earl H. Maas, a litigator.

Brown, 54, is a resident of Oceanside and has 25 years' experience in medical malpractice law.

He has been an attorney with Neil Dymott Brown Frank & Harrison for 20 years. He also served seven years as an officer in the Marine Corps.

A Democrat, Brown received his law

degree from UCLA School of Law. He also holds a master's degree from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree from Occidental College.

He is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association. He fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Sheridan E. Reed.

Alksne, 40, has been a family law commissioner since 2001 in San Diego Superior Court. Earlier, she was a special assistant to the district attorney under Paul Pfingst. She also worked as an attorney with Paul Plevin & Sullivan.

Registered as decline-to-state, Alksne received her law degree from the <u>University of San Diego School of Law</u> and her bachelor's degree from Mills College,

She is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association. She fills the seat

left vacant by the retirement of Wayne Peterson.

Maas, 43, has been a trial lawyer for 15 years, specializing in legal-malpractice defense. From 2001 until January, he was an attorney with Maas Miyamoto & Bernstein. Earlier, he was an attorney with Chapin Shea McNitt & Carter.

He also is partner in Thompson Alessio & Maas.

A Republican, Maas received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.

He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He fills a vacancy creatby the retirement of Bernard E. Revak.

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the same time, decisive," San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert J. Trentacosta said of his goals for his judgeship.

Moot Court Moved Judge to Law

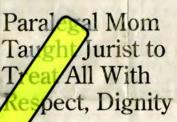
By Claude Walbert Daily Journal Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO — When Robert J. Trentacosta was in law school, he was uncertain about what role he would play in the legal world — until he won a moot-court competition.

"I said, 'Maybe I have some aptitude for this," Trentacosta said. "It was very exciting, more exciting than writing briefs."

He entered more competitions at the University of San Diego School of Law and kept winning. He was chosen as one of two people who made up the law school's national team.

Officials with the state attorney general's office were so impressed with him that they asked him to clerk there.



rentacosta soon saw that what he described as a dissonance existed between his classroom work and the world of trial practice.

"The real practice was exciting and dramatic," he said.

He began to skip classes so that he could watch trials at the downtown courthouse.

"The direction my career was going to take was pretty clear," said Trentacosta, a San Diego Superior Court judge who presides over trials after 20 years of arguing in them.

"I was a trial lawyer for 20-plus years, and I had nothing but admiration for someone who could serve as a judge, be fair to both sides and treat people with respect, and at the end of the day, regardless of how the case came out, I could say I had a fair trial," he said.

That's what he hoped to accomplish, Trentacosta said.

Gov. Gray Davis appointed him to the bench in December 2000, and he took the oath of office a month later.

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"I like to think that my courtroom is a place that people — the lawyers like to come; they feel that I'm empathetic but, at the same time, decisive," Trentacosta said. "One of the things I hated as a lawyer was, 'I'll take that under submission.' I mean, come on, you're there to make decisions."

Deputy District Attorney Lisa S. Weinreb of the gang prosecution unit said she has appeared before Trentacosta with many "very, very serious cases" involving murder or attempted murder.

He has extensive knowledge of criminal law, Weinreb said, even though most of his career was spent in civil law.

"He makes very difficult decisions," she said. "He's conscientious, and he listens. He's just a fabulous, fabulous judge."

Selena Dong Epley, a deputy public defender, said that, when Trentacosta was sent to a felony disposition department early in his judicial career, attorneys wondered how he could settle cases when he had so little experience in evaluating them.

"Our concerns were quickly dispelled," Epley said. "He is so fair and so intelligent and so desirous of reaching a result that's fair to everyone."

Jack Okrent, a solo defense attorney, said Trentacosta is "very meticulous in the law" and is calm and patient in the courtroom.

"He listens to both sides and lets the attorneys work it out," Okrent said. "He is one of the better judges."

Angela A. Bartosik, a deputy public defender, describes Trentacosta as an "outstanding jurist" by any measure.

"He has a brilliant legal mind," Bartosik said. "And he is polite and respectful to everyone."

Trentacosta, 50, almost chose a career outside the law.

Born June 17, 1954, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Trentacosta grew up in a traditional Italian family, just one generation removed from emigrants who had left southern Italy. Big family gatherings were common, with dancing and food, he said.

Trentacosta's family lived near an elevated subway line, and the streets were filled with movement and noise.

"It was wonderful and exciting to grow up there," he said.

Trentacosta's father, Jerry Trentacosta, a hospital purchasing director, had been a star baseball player in high school, and he passed on his love of the game to his son.

"I'd shag fly balls till you couldn't see," Trentacosta said.

When he was 13, the family moved to Long Island. In high school, he starred in team sports, but he found an individual sport that remains important to him: surfing. "I've been a surfer ever since I was a teenager," Trentacosta said. "I used to travel up and down the coast, everywhere from Montauk Point on Long Island — shark-infested Montauk Point, the site of Peter Benchley's 'Jaws' — to Florida."

At home, Trentacosta's mother, Dolores Trentacosta, would sometimes talk about her work. She was an outgoing, funny woman who loved ballroom dancing and theater, he said, but her mood would be different when she talked about her work as a paralegal.

"I vividly remember my mom decrying the state of the law," he said. "She loved the law, but she would get upset at the way lawyers treated their clients and staff."

The lesson remains fresh in his mind: Treat everyone with respect and dignity. In those days, Trentacosta was thinking about becoming a teacher, maybe a lawyer.

His parents told him both were honorable professions but he would better appreciate the value of his education if he worked his way through college.

Once his father helped him get a job on a hospital loading dock, reminding his son that there was dignity in hard work.

"Let's just say there was a lot of dignity," Trentacosta said.

While he attended Nassau Community College, he played on the school's football team for a while but gave up the sport to work full time. He worked in a variety of jobs: operating a forklift, laying floors, moving furniture, waiting on tables, driving a beer distribution truck.

The beer truck traveled on a route through sections of Brooklyn that were rough around the edges, he recalled, and part of his job became keeping his delivery partner out of trouble because "he loved to rumble" and, with the tempting beer on board, the opportunities were many.

After Trentacosta graduated with high honors from Nassau Community College, he enrolled at State University of New York, Binghamton, where he majored in English and writing.

"Binghamton was a watershed for me," he said. "Before, school was not really a priority for me, but I came to love education. It was such an exciting time."

When he graduated in 1976, Trentacosta had to choose his career path. He was offered a graduate scholarship to Colgate University, where he also would begin teaching.

At the same time, he was accepted by the University of San Diego's School of Law. He chose law school.

"It seemed to offer a lot of opportunities," Trentacosta said.

He would be doing research and writing, he reasoned, and he could be, in essence, a teacher.

Trentacosta graduated from law school in 1979 and, fresh from his discovery of the joy of trials, hired on at the San Diego city attorney's office.

He immediately found himself up to his neck in misdemeanor trials, "backto-back-to-back." He was soon promoted to deputy operations chief, managing 17 deputy city attorneys and a staff of 35.

After two years in the criminal division, Trentacosta moved into the litigation division. He learned like the apprentice civil lawyer he was.

Veteran lawyers would take depositions and then quiz him about what he had observed. The next week, he would do the depositions, and the veterans would point out his mistakes. Before long, he was second chair in civil trials.

Trentacosta began to specialize in defending police shooting cases. He recalled one wrongful-death lawsuit against an officer who had been mentioned in Joseph Wambaugh's "Lines and Shadows," a nonfiction book about a special San Diego police unit whose members disguised themselves as illegal immigrants.

Bandits who robbed, raped and murdered people trying to sneak across the border south of San Diego thought the police were prey.

"There were shootouts galore," Trentacosta said. "It made my life a lot harder."

But he prevailed in the lawsuit, winning a verdict of no liability for the officer.

In 1985, one of Trentacosta's mentors in the city attorney's office, Vincent P. DiFiglia, now a retired Superior Court judge, moved to the San Diego firm of Schall, Boudreau & Gore. He asked Trentacosta to come with him.

So, for the next six years, Trentacosta worked as a partner in the private firm, where he concentrated on personal-injury cases.

In 1991, he and Steven M. Boudreau formed their own firm, Boudreau & Trentacosta, where he focused on product-liability cases. In those years after the city attorney's office, Trentacosta was active in many legal organizations, serving as an instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, as an instructor and president of the San Diego Inn of Court, and as a speaker for and president of the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego.

He also taught for 15 years at the Regional Law Enforcement Academy, developing a multidisciplinary course in advanced traffic accident investigation that combined physics with investigative techniques and legal issues.

Trentacosta served as an adjunct professor at University of San Diego and as a coach of the trial team at California Western School of Law. He also served on the ethics committee at University of California, San Diego, Medical Center.

On the ethics committee, he said, he dealt with issues about the right to die, when death occurs and AIDS.

And Trentacosta became active in supporting athletics at the private school attended by his children, Toni, now 18, and Bobby, now 16. The judge

declined to disclose the name of the school for security reasons.

When his children first enrolled at the school, Trentacosta was impressed with everything except the athletic programs. The team members seemed to lack spirit.

Trentacosta raised the issue at a parents' meeting, and quickly he was told that the school was looking for a parttime athletic director. He accepted and started on the job of convincing the players that they were as good as anyone else.

He told them, "What we're learning is how to live life, how to set goals and meet them, how to have pride."

Trentacosta raised money, hired coaches and coached the girls' soccer, basketball and volleyball teams, as well as the boys' football team.

In a few years, the teams were going to the divisional playoffs, and some won championships.

The school named its annual student-athlete award after Trentacosta.

Despite all his community activities, he continued to handle big cases. He took on the cases of a dozen children who had been sickened by E. coli, a bacterium, in beverages from Odwalla Juice Co. They lived on the West Coast from San Diego all the way into British Columbia.

"It was touch-and-go if these kids were going to live," Trentacosta said.

The lawsuits were resolved without trial, he said.

"We were successful in every case," he said.

Then Trentacosta received a call from the governor's local judicial selection committee.

"I had always thought I would put my name in at the end of my career," Trentacosta said. "After a lot of soulsearching, I put my name in."

On Dec. 28, 2000, as he and his family were on a cruise through the Panama Canal, he received an emergency telephone call from his law partner's paralegal.

His first thought was that his law partner was ill, and he asked about Boudreau's condition.

"There was this long pause," he said.

He feared the worst.

Then the paralegal gave him the message: Call Burt Pines, the governor's judicial appointments secretary.

The years since his appointment have been busy with moves from criminal trial courts to high-volume felony disposition courts.

But he has continued to make time for travel, something he couldn't do during his youth.

"If I wasn't a judge, I'd probably be a travel writer," Trentacosta said. "I love everything about it. Even on the worst day, when you say, 'If I'm in this airport five more minutes I'm going to scream,' you can always find something that's a new experience and fascinating."

And he continues to surf.

"To me, it's a great sense of thrill. I love being out there with folks, 99.9 percent of whom have no idea I'm a judge," Trentacosta said. "I'm just another surfer out in the lineup, and I like it that way."

Near his desk in his chambers hangs a small painting of a surfer riding just ahead of the break in a monster wave. His wife, Marie Trentacosta, gave it to him.

She said, "I know you're stuck in chambers, so you can look at this."

The painting depicts a surfing mecca in Fiji. Trentacosta hasn't been there — yet.

"That's on my list," he said.

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Resident to coach conflict-resolution workshop

By Sharon Heilbrunn UNION-TRIBUNE COMMUNITY NEWS WRITER

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DEL MAR - If the thought of confrontation conjures images of cartoon characters with bright red faces and smoke billowing out their ears, it might be time to enroll in a conflict-resolution class.

The National Conflict Resolution Center will hold a four-day Introductory Mediation Skills workshop May 5, 6, 12 and 13 in Carlsbad.

The 32-hour course will address family and workplace issues as well as consumer quarrels. It's designed to show participants how to seek creative and collaborative solutions to arguments and disputes.

Students will learn mediation techniques through a combination of lectures, simulations and exercises. The curriculum includes conflict theory, balancing power, handling emotions, drafting agreements and mediator ethics.

"People will leave the workshop with better listening and communication skills," said Eric Sandy, a Del Mar resident and member of the board of directors at the resolution center, which is based in San Diego. "They will be able to better deal with difficult people and have the ability to understand and cope with different points of view."

Sandy, who will serve as a coach and assistant during the workshop, took the training nine years ago.

He refers to the course as "mediation boot camp."

"The class gave me a tremendous background and whetted my appetite," Sandy said. "T it, the more you realize what a helpful tool it is to be able to look at a conflict and disp a neutral (person)."

Since taking the class, he has volunteered with small claims court and mentors University of San Diego law students.

Sandy is a hearing officer for the San Diego Housing Authority and San Diego County Department of Public Works, and he sits on the resolution center's panel for cases referred from Superior Court.

One of the biggest mistakes people make when conversing with others is that they "reload" instead of "reply," he said.

"Instead of listening carefully to what the other person has to say, we are already designing our reply and our comeback and our answer," he explained, which leads to poor communication.

Participants in the class come from a wide variety of professions, including business, law, education and human resources. People also attend for personal reasons, such as learning how to become a better listener and maintain an open mind.

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Home sweet home. Eleven percent of San Diego area households were able to afford a medianpriced home in February, unchanged from the previous month, but down 4 percentage points from a year earlier, it was reported Thursday.



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The Housing Affordability Index report, released by the California Association of Realtors, states that the median home price in the San Diego region was \$580,860 in February, a slight increase from \$580,220 in January and up from \$479,540 in February 2004.

Home not so sweet home. The San Diego Association of Governments released a report on Thursday showing that regional population growth is outpacing new home construction. The region's population grew by 7.2 percent between 2000 and 2004, while new homes increased by only 5.1 percent, according to SANDAG.

The report also shows that the San Diego region had an annual growth of 23,000 homes versus an average increase of about 14,300 homes per year since 2000.

Grant Marcos. Cal State San Marcos received a \$1.64 million federal grant to develop the College of Health and Human Services, it was announced Thursday. The U.S. Department of Education will distribute funds from the Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant over the next five years to build the college, which will be the fourth located on campus. Funds can be used for faculty development, administrative management, development and improvement of academic programs, joint use of facilities and student services, according to university officials.

Happy homecoming. Approximately 150 Camp Pendleton Marines are scheduled to return home Friday afternoon after a deployment in Iraq, according to base officials. The Marines are members of Company I and Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Humane habitats. San Diego Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that assists low-income families by building affordable housing, will celebrate the completion of 12 new homes in Escondido, Sunday April 10. Centex Homes and the City of Escondido partnered with the organization to construct 12 attached townhomes at 620 N. Hickory St. in Escondido.

The 12 selected Habitat partner families will purchase the three- and four-bedroom homes through zero-interest mortgages, financed by SDHFH. Families who wish to qualify for a Habitat home must meet three criteria: ability to pay a monthly mortgage, need for improved housing and willingness to partner with SDHFH through "sweat equity," i.e. the families' own labor contribution in the construction of the same set.

Think bold. Gavin Newsom, mayor of the City and County marriage during the annual DeWitt Higgs Memorial Lecture 2003 and has since made national headlines for issuing partia month, a superior court judge in San Francisco ruled that Call the state could no longer justify restricting marriage to a man

ounty for Francisco, will speak on the status of same-sex ecture of held Monday. Newsom was elected in December g naming elicenses to same-sex couples in San Francisco. Last but California's ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional and that is much and a woman.

Newsom's address will be followed by a keynote speech and panel discussion of legal experts from UCSD, California Western School of Law and the University of San Diego School of Law.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the RIMAC arena at the University of California, San Diego, and is free and open to the public.

Art with a purpose. Local artist Hilda Pierce will be displaying her site-specific paintings at the new Rebecca and John Moores UCSD Cancer Center, opening on Friday. Pierce, who lost her daughter to cancer, created four paintings depicting the four seasons, which she describes as a "labor of love."

YCH Communities Announces Expansion Into Land Development

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Tri Valley-based homebuilder YCH Communities L.L.C. announced its expansion into land entitlement and development with the formation of YCH Development LP, and named Perry Hariri, 35, vice president of the new operation. YCH Development will focus on generating original residential land entitlement and development opportunities throughout California, providing a steady supply of entitled properties at attractive wholesale prices for the homebuilding entity.

With increasingly intricate land use regulations and active community involvement, land entitlement and development in California has become a highly involved endeavor. YCH Development was created to provide YCH Communities with opportunities for consistent, sustained organic growth, relying more on its internal generation of entitled lots and less on the outside purchase of mapped lots at retail prices from other developers.

"YCH Development is uniquely positioned to provide the expertise and financial resources required to work with jurisdictional agencies and community groups to bring infrastructure, employment and housing to communities," says Mr. Hariri. "I'm fortunate to be a part of the YCH group of companies with their entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to development and homebuilding."

"We're thrilled to have Perry at YCH Development. He brings valuable experience developing raw land and entitling prop the United States," says Michael A. Howl, Vice President, Land Acquisition, Sales & Marketing, YCH Communities, L. and diverse background combined with his years of experience in acquisition and development make him a tremendous company. We look forward to his guidance and leadership."

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Prior to joining YCH Development in June 2004, Mr. Hariri was involved in acquisitions, entitlement and developments communities, urban infill developments and second-home destination resorts throughout the U.S. Mr. Hariri holds. in civil engineering from the University of California Los Angeles and a J.D. (cum laude) from the University of San Diego.

YCH Communities L.L.C., established in 1995, is a residential developer and homebuilder of quality, single-family detached homes, with communities in northern and southern California, and with plans to build in Sacramento and the Central Valley. Its mission is to build affordable quality homes and develop attractive neighborhoods that complement their environments and provide enduring impressions. The company was recently ranked 5th in BUILDER magazine's 2004 Fast Track 100 (9/01/04), which ranks the fastest growing homebuilding companies in the US. For more information about YCH Communities L.L.C., visit www.ychnet.com ARTICLE PUBLISHED APR 23 2005

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Job Changes

Julia Kertz Grant joins ERO Resources as a natural resource specialist after focusing on forest stewardship, policy, certification and communication issues at Boise Cascade since 2001. Before that Grant was heavily involved in landmanagement planning in Colorado. She specializes in resource inventory, assessment and management, open space master and management plans, baseline inventories and long-term monitoring on conserved properties, and public facilitation and communication on a variety of natural resource issues.

WRC Advertising, a Closed Loop Marketing firm, has announced the addition of Sakena Walizada as a media buyer. Walizada will graduate from Boise State University in May with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Before WRC Advertising, Walizada was employed as a sales associate at Wireless USA for several years.

Art Schultz, president of Treasure Valley Engineers Inc., has announced the addition of Derrick McKrola, LSIT, as land surveyor in training. He holds a BS degree in geomatics from the Oregon Institute of Technology. He will work under the direction of Rob Hinckley, PLS, surveying department manager, in preparation of all field surveys and subdivision platting.

Openings and Moving

These businesses have recently opened, moved to the area, expanded or changed locations . Boise

Kurt Holzer, John T. Edwards and Matthew R. Harrison have announced the formation of Holzer, Child, Clifford L. Brown is of counsel to the firm. The firm is a general litigation practice with an exposure personal injury litigation. The firm is in the historic Quigley house at 1516 W. Hays in Boise. Holzer is the president-elect of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association and will serve as ITLA president for He comes to the firm after serving as the chief Idaho trial lawyer of a multi state law practice. He previous with the Rocky Mountain region's largest law firm, where he focused on plaintiffs, injury litigation. He was Leary Scholar at the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, where he graduated in 1992 Idaho State Legislature, where he participated in the drafting and development of Idaho's Small-cawsuit

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and commencing in June. proviously was a litigator He was a William H. In 1992. He is active in the awsuit Resolution Act.

Edwards was raised in Canyon County and graduated from College of Law at the <u>University of San Diego</u> in 1990. He was associated with the Boise firm of Elam & Burke before establishing Brown & Edwards in 1993. A sustaining member of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, Edwards is also an adjunct professor in the college of business at Boise State University. He is a past president of the Les Bois Kiwanis. Edwards has served as an evaluator for dozens of SLRA cases.

Harrison, a Salt Lake City native, graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1991. He spent 10 years as insurance defense counsel with two of Idaho's premier insurance defense firms. A former member of the American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Law Section, Harrison is a member of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association. As a portion of his practice, Harrison serves the Idaho State Board of Medicine as a panel chairman for medical negligence pre-litigation screening panels.

The Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors will have a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. May 5 at M & M Jewelers, 811 W. Bannock St., next to Moon's Kitchen downtown. Established in 1975, M & M Jewelers specializes in diamonds and gold and silver jewelry.

Activear Hearing Center leased 1,500 square feet in the Lone Star building on Fairview. John Stevens and Shane Jimenez of Thornton Oliver Keller represented the landlord and Chris Graham of Mark Bottles Real Estate represented the tenant. Eagle

Imagymnation leased 16,075 square feet in the Iron Eagle II building at 1396 E. Iron Eagle Drive. Al Marino and Michael Ballantyne, CCIM, of Thornton Oliver Keller Commercial Real Estate represented the landlord and Tim Reid of Grubb & Ellis represented the tenant.

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Pacific Corporate Group Reorganizes Operations, Separating Partnership and Direct Investing Activities; Monte Brem, Named President, Will Oversee PCG Asset Management; Chris Bower, Firm's CEO, Heads PCG Capital Partners

LA JOLLA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 28, 2005--Pacific Corporate Group (PCG), the California-based investment management and advisory firm, announced today the firm is reorganizing its operations into two distinct units to better meet the needs of its clients.

The new structure separates the firm's partnership and direct investment activities. PCG's partnership investment business will be conducted through a newly-formed operating group named PCG Asset Management. PCG Asset Management oversees over \$20 billion of private equity commitments through a combination of discretionary management and advisory arrangements. PCG's direct investment business will be conducted through a newly-formed operating group entitled PCG Capital Partners. PCG Capital Partners' activities include the PCG Corporate Partners Fund (providing equity capital to companies) and co-investment funds (that make investments in operating companies sponsored by top-tier financial buyers).

Monte Brem, formerly a Managing Director, has been appointed President of PCG, and will oversee all operations and strategy for the Asset Management division. Christopher Bower, the firm's founder and Chief Executive Officer, is now in charge of PCG Capital Partners. Both divisions report to the PCG Board of Directors (comprised of the partners of PCG).

"The reorganization we're announcing today is the result of an ongoing review by the firm's senior professionals to determine how we can consistently deliver the highest level of service to our clients," Mr. Bower said. "As the private equity industry has grown, the needs of limited partners have evolved as well. By organizing our operations into two distinct businesses, we're offering our clients the increased focus and dedication of senior management, while more effectively leveraging the resources of PCG."

Mr. Bower continued: "Monte has played a vital role in the growth of our business and has earned the respect of his colleagues and the clients he has had an opportunity to work with. I am pleased my partners have selected him to oversee our successful asset management activities."

"This reorganization positions PCG to fully capitalize on PCG Asset Management's institutional investment and highly successful investment track record, established over PCG's fifteen year history in the private e industry. I am excited to work in this focused way with PCG's extensive group of experienced investment continue to improve our industry-leading investment platform," Mr.Brem said.

Mr. Brem, who joined PCG in 2002, has 13 years of experience in private equity, corporate law, corporate development and management of financial professionals. Prior to joining PCG, Mr. Brem was a senior convorate development executive with several media joint ventures with industry leading strategic investors that mouded Intel, Motorola, NBC, Qualcomm, Siemens, Sony, Texas Instruments, Time Warner and Universal. Mr. for m vas trained as an attorney and practiced corporate law with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP where he spent extense time focused on corporate governance matters. Mr. Brem also has financial services experience in investment benking as Vice President of Corporate Finance for Cruttenden Roth. Mr. Brem received his JD/MBA from the University of San. Diego, where he was Valedictorian of the Law School.

About PCG

PCG, founded in 1979, is a leading provider of private equity investment management services to institutional and high-net worth clients worldwide. The firm is managed through two separate operating groups, PCG Asset Management, which provides advisory services and manages over \$20 billion in private equity investment allocations on behalf of some of the world's largest and most sophisticated institutional investors and PCG Capital Partners, which provides partnership investment, co-investment and direct investment management. The firm invests across the private equity spectrum, including buyouts, corporate restructuring, growth and expansion capital, venture capital, mezzanine, distressed, opportunistic real estate, international, secondaries and other special situations. PCG specializes in creating portfolios and structures tailored to the objectives of its managed funds and clients. Recently, PCG launched Washington, D.C.-based PCG International, a subsidiary of PCG Asset Management, that will focus on making investments and providing advice with respect to private equity markets outside the U.S., Western Europe,



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Experts Say Exercise Is Daily Rx to Combat Aging

Lorraine Roberts decided to get in shape when she turned 50. Her only previous exercise had been walking with her grandmother as a child, but Roberts wasn't daunted. She took up golf and quickly found that she had a strong swing and equally strong legs.

By KATE CALLEN

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Nearly four decades later, Roberts will have marked her 89th birthday with her regular morning stroll. Despite arthritis in both knees and asthma, she still golfs – "I love it, but I don't play as well as I used to" – and she regularly gets out with her senior group of mall walkers.

Roberts also builds strength through resistance training.

"I do a lot of stretching that I didn't do before, and I'm more agile than I used to be," she said.

"Exercise gets my blood flowing, and it makes me feel great. I walk every chance I get. When I go shopping, I park the car as far away from the store entrance as I can and walk in."

Roberts embodies the universal belief, based on research and clinical experience, that exercise after 50 is a no-brainer: Regular workouts help counteract the physiological and psychological effects of aging. And, thanks to an array of low-impact regimens, the over-50 body can achieve fitness without stress or soreness.

"It's true that people over 50 show declines in balance, mobility, strength and range of motion," said Jeanne Nichols-Bernhard, a professor of exercise physiology in San Diego State University's Department of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences. "But so much of that is really caused by disuse and sedentary lifestyles. You can slow down the so-called 'aging process' by staying active."

But how? For those who already exercise regularly, the half-century mark may be a time when joint pain and fatigue are cramping their regimen. For those who haven't exercised, starting from scratch can seem like a formidable challenge, but the timing is fortuitous.

A fitness surge that began among baby boomers has made over-50 workouts accessible and fun.

As outlined in "Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging" (www.nia.nih.gov/exercisebook/), the most effective over-50 fitness regimen would include four types of exercise, each with its own benefits:

Endurance or aerobic exercises, such as running and walking, increase stamina and can help delay or prevent diabetes and heart disease.

Strength exercises, such as



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Lorraine Roberts, 89, stretches along with other mall walkers as they warm up for their stroll. She builds strength through resistance training and says she is more agile than ever since taking up exercise at 50.

weight or resistance training, increase metabolism and can help prevent osteoporosis.

 Flexibility exercises that focus on stretching can prevent or aid recovery from injuries.

 Balance exercises such as yoga can help prevent the falls that are a major cause of injury for elderly people.

Many nontraditional exercise programs combine two or more of these fitness aspects with minimal impact on aging joints.

In its 16th annual study of sports participation in the United States last spring, American Sports Data Inc. reported that the fastest-growing fitness regimens since 1998 have been Pilates, a hybrid exercise of resistance, balance and stretching; indoor aerobic machines such as elliptical motion trainers and recumbent cycling; and relaxation techniques such as yoga and tai See **EXERCISE** Page **13**

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HACKENSACK, NJ SUNDAY 225,025 APR 10 2005 chi. Experts believe these trends mean that aging exercisers prefer workouts low on stress and high on social interaction.

"People like to participate in group fitness programs," said Shelly Buono, an exercise physiologist. "When you exercise with a group, you make a commitment, and you have more fun. That's a good way to make exercise a habit, which is very important."

Kathy James, an associate professor at the Hahn School of Nursing at the <u>University of</u> <u>San Diego</u>, picked up the fitness habit at age 30, when she began running to lose weight and dropped 60 pounds.

"I literally ran my weight off," James said.

Now 50, James focuses her research on obesity. In her off hours, she runs six miles a day with her running buddy of 20 years. Both professionally and personally, James has seen that exercising is a good way to stave off the effects of aging.

Over-50 people who experience back pain often react by lying down, but, James said, "bed rest is the worst thing for a back problem."

"You need to move around, and strengthening the abdominal muscles can really help, because that keeps you from getting a swayback," she said.

Swimming, the ultimate low-impact sport, is a great way to tone up aging muscles, James said.

"Swimming helps give you strong arms, a strong upper body, and strong legs," she said.

Whatever options you choose, experts agree that you need to establish an exercise routine, and a daily regimen is best.

"A 150-pound person who walks a mile a day will burn 150 calories that way," James said. "If you make no other change in your diet, at the end of the year, those 150 calories a day will add up to 15 pounds." Other

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USD gets grant for alcohol-use study

The University of San Diego has been awarded a \$788,000 grant by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to study how conversations between parents and their children can help reduce student drinking and alcohol-related problems.

The three-year grant is one of the largest research grants in the history of the 7,000-student Catholic university. The grant will allow the university to survey and monitor next fall's freshmen and their parents on student alcohol use.

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USD wins grant to curb student drinking

The University of San Diego announced Thursday it has been awarded a \$788,000 grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIAAA, to study how parental communication can help reduce student drinking and alcohol-related problems.

The three-year grant, the first USD has received from the NIAAA and one of the largest research grants in the university's history, will help survey and monitor next fall's freshman class and their parents on students' alcohol use. One group of parents will be asked to make a commitment to discussing alcohol use with their children and will be given an instructional handbook on how to communicate effectively. The results will be compared with a control group given no instructions and with the class as a whole.

"Our hope is that we can make a real impact on the problems associated with student drinking that will benefit all colleges and universities," said Louise Stanger, director of USD's Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Services, in a written statement. Source Code: 20050414tld

USD receives grant to study binge drinking

By John Nunes STAFF WRITER

niversity of San Diego has recently been the recipient of a \$788,000 grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) to study the drinking behaviors of students.

Specifically, the study is to determine the impact of parental communication on student drinking and how effective it can be at reducing it and the problems that accompany underage drinking. This grant is the first the university has received from the NIAAA and is also one of the largest research grants in the history of the school.

The study will be conducted over three years and will monitor and survey next year's incoming freshman class and their parents with regards to alcohol use. One group of parents will be asked to commit to talking about the dangers of alcohol use with their sons and daughters. They will be given instructional materials to help communicate this more effectively. The results will then be correlated against a control group whose parents will be given no instructions, as well as with the entire class.

Louise Stanger, director of USD's Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Services, says "We know parents and guardians have an enormous influence on freshmen, more than parents might think." She further explains "Our hope is that we can make a real impact on the problems associated with stu-

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dent drinking that will benefit all colleges and universities." The help, it seems, is needed because according a 2002 study by Harvard School of Public Health, 81 percent of college administrators of fouryear colleges described alcohol use "a problem" or "major problem" on their campus.

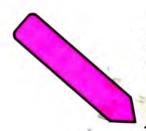
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According to Stanger, problems involving alcohol at USD are similar to those at other universities. A national Core Alcohol and Other Drug Survey conducted at Southern Illinois University Carbondale found that 49.7 percent of students nationwide report episodes of binge drinking compared to the 46.6 percent of USD students.

Studies define binge drinking as consuming four or more drinks for women and five drinks for men in one sitting within a two-hour period.

Stanger will be working on the project with USD Psychology Professor Michael Ichiyama, as well as several nationally renowned researchers, including Dr. Robert Turrisi of Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Mark Wood of University of Rhode Island and Dr. Judith Arroyo of NIAAA.

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Sister Dale Brown, 63, Dies April 10

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO – Sister Dale Brown, a member of the <u>University of San</u> <u>Diego</u> family for more than 25 years, died April 10 – only five days short of her 64th birthday.

Sister Brown served as associate director of the Office of Financial Aid Services at USD.

"She was a wonderful colleague and a friend to all of us here in the office," said Judith Lewis Logue, director of Financial Aid Services. "She was ill for over a year and our staff is still kind of numb because we had such high hopes that she would be able to recover."

Daughter of Frederick and Ruth Brown, Sister Brown was born in 1941 in Livermore, Calif., where she attended St. Michael Elementary School. In Oakland, she completed her secondary education at St. Elizabeth High School and earned a B.A. for her studies at the College of the Holy Names. She also earned an M.A. in science from Oregon State University and a master's degree in counseling from San Diego State University.

In 1961, Sister Brown entered the Dominicans of Mission San Jose.

She then entered the Community of the Holy Spirit upon its formation in 1970.

In 1979, Sister Brown joined the USD staff as coordinator of the Student Employment Center. She later served as financial aid counselor for loans, assistant director for financial aid systems and, eventually, associate director of the Office of Financial Aid Services.

A memorial Mass for Sister Brown was held April 15 in Founders Chapel on the USD campus. Another funeral Mass will be held during the weekend of June 24, when the Community of the Holy Spirit gathers for its semi-annual meeting. The time and location for the Mass have not yet been announced.

Following the second Mass, Sister Brown will be buried at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum.

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DIANE BELL CONTINUED FROM PAGE BI Guy Institute trips are short, if not sweet

Biles, are 30 miles off the coast of California paddling a kayak from San Francisco to San Diego. It's their way of memorializing Price, a former Navy corpsman who had trained at San Diego Naval Medical Center, and three other fallen comrades.

Their 20-foot sea kayak, load-

ed with 10 days of supplies and rain gear, is named Misery. "What happened to him (Price) could have happened to any one of us. This is a way of sharing the pain," RoseHaley told a reporter as they left San Francisco early Sunday morning. The men spent the first two nights of their 547-mile journey taking turns sleeping at sea, but Tuesday night they stopped near Pebble Beach to rest on shore. The trip resumed yesterday.

The six- to 10-day trip is their effort to raise money for Price's 12-year-old daughter, Amanda, and for the families of two men killed with Price — Tommy Carter and Vince Foster — and for the wife and four children of David Martin Tapper, a Navy SEAL who died in Afghanistan in 2003.

The Naval Special Warfare Foundation, which supports families of fallen SEALs, is one of the trip sponsors. And Price's dad, Vernon Price of Pomona, says friends have pledged money for each mile completed for the Amanda Karin Price Trust.

"I'm just astonished they would try something this radical and far-out," Price says. "It shows how special Mike was to people ... This would have

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THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE been something my son, if he were alive, would have jumped right in and done for someone else."

RoseHaley and Biles had hoped to propel their kayak into the Navy's Gator Beach in Coronado this Saturday, the one-year anniversary of Mike's death. However, unfavorable currents and winds have prolonged the trip.

Price hopes the kayak challenge will become an annual memorial event, perhaps even a race.

The Boxer resolution

U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer has selected longtime San Diegan Caridad Sanchez as director for her San Diego and Imperial Counties district office. As such, the University of San Diego graduate will oversee the office's day-to-day operations and serve as a liaison to the community. Sanchez previously worked as a senior community rep here for Congresswoman Susan Davis ... Sal Salas and former Chula Vista Councilwoman Mary Salas decided their 17-year divorce wasn't working. Neither had remarried, so they tied the knot again April 8, on what would have been their 38th wedding anniversary. Thirteen-year-old grandson Mike proudly walked his "nana" down the aisle. Mary hasn't abandoned politics. She plans to run for Assembly next year, and Sal, chairman of the San Diego Housing Commission, says he fully supports her campaign.

Leisure time

It's not often that three men on vacation opt to sit in on a court trial. But that was part of the itinerary of local businessman Greg Cooper and two of his former USD colleagues, Gary Schons of the Attorney General's Office here and Kevin Ruddy, a Riverside deputy DA. During their annual G.I.R.L. (Guy Institute for Recreational Leisure) getaway, they slipped into ringside seats at Michael Jackson's trial.

Inspired by Gov. Schwarzenegger, the men dubbed their 2005 getaway the G.I.R.L. y Man Tour. Says one member: "Our organization has two tenets: 1) We don't do good works, and 2) Our trips are so weird that our wives ask why we are leaving so late and why are we returning so soon."

Diane Bell City's pension plan honored – yes, really



Amid its financial troubles, San Diego just received an accolade from a surprising source.

A national association of county, city and state financial officers has given the SD City Employ-

ees Retirement System an "Excellence in Financial Reporting" certificate for fiscal 2002-03.

The honor, described as "a significant accomplishment for a government and its management," is an interesting one, considering the problems associated with the city's underfunded retirement system.

A fellow award recipient is the county's Employees Retirement Association, which has had its own pension funding troubles.

Traveling in Misery

Michael Scott Price, a civilian security guard in Iraq, died in a roadside bomb attack a year ago at age 33. Today, two of his co-workers there, former Navy SEALs Thomas RoseHaley and Clay

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Chicano news group gives awards

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The Press-Enterprise

Six students were recognized at the Inland Chapter of the California Chicano News Media Association's 17th annual scholarship dinner Friday.

The CCNMA is a nonprofit journalism organization dedicated to promoting diversity in the news through scholarding and educational programs for Latinos and to fostering an accurate and fair media portrayal of Latinos.

Three high school and three college students were recognized at the dinner at Riverside Community College

Nicole Reed and Adriana Vargas both received the Lawrence E. Young Memorial Scholarship. Young served as The Press-Enterprise's managing editor before his death in 2002 at the age of 47, Reed is a student at the University of San Diego, and Vargas is a senior at Bloomington High School.

The four recipients of chapter scholarships were Sean Garcia, David Herrera, Rita Medina and Jazmin Mendez. Garcia is a junior at Brown University. Herrera attends Riverside Community College. Medina and Mendez are both in high school. Medina at John W. North in Riverside and Mendez at Cathedral City High.

Jenny Medina, a reporter at the New York Times was the dinner's keynote speaker. Medina grew up in Riverside and graduated from Rubidoux High School and USC.

Juan Delgado, a professor at Cal State San Bernardino was given the Esperanza Award in recognition of his bringing hope to the Inland Empire's Latino community.

Delgado, chairman of the communication studies department developed Chicano literature and literary production courses at the university and his poetry has received numerous awards.

Press-Enterprise Assistant Metro Editor Mark Acosta also was honored for his commitment to CCNMA. Acosta served as the Inland chapter's president for more than 10 years in addition to winning chapter and state scholarships as a student.

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Soroptomist honors enterprising women

Christine Mahr The Desert Sun April 28, 2005

Six are working to help better the lives of others. Six are trying to improve their own lives.

Twelve Coachella Valley women Wednesday received special recognition from local Soroptimist Clubs for their endeavors.

Six of the women are valley students between the ages of 14 and 17 who received \$300 each for their volunteer efforts in the community. The organizations they help also received \$250 each.

The other six women are the primary wage earners in their families, and are trying to gain additional education and training to better their families' lives. They each received \$1,100.

Each of the women introduced themselves and told a roomful of Soroptimists at the Heritage Palms Clubhouse a little about themselves.

The six young volunteers receiving the Violet B. Richardson Awards were:

Taylar Manning is a senior at Desert Christian High School in Bermuda Dunes.

Manning, whose brother has cerebral palsy, has spent many years volunteering at the Dennis James Center for United Cerebral Palsy in Cathedral City.

She also has been on a mission trip to the Dominican Reputere she worked with the underprivileged.

Kylee Dierker is a senior at Desert Christian High S

She joined the National Charity League with her four years ago. Through the organization, she became involved in community ce, including delivering meals to elderly people confined to their homes.

Next year, she will attend the University of San Diego, and plans to continue doing volunteer work.

Megan Adams is a La Quinta High School senior who will attend College of the Desert next year and later transfer to a four-year school.

After moving to the valley from San Diego during her junior year, she decided to get involved in the community and help others.

She became a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, an international organization that builds homes for low-income families.

Elizabeth Hermann is a La Quinta High senior who will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



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Darrell Smith The Desert Sun

April 28, 2005

Pat Walsh is a math guy, loves numbers, graphs and stats, talks about a lot of the things that school administrators like to talk about: test scores, his school's latest SAT results and Academic Performance Index scores.

He calls up a PowerPoint presentation on a computer terminal behind his desk, points to the numbers there with pride, many of the scores above valley, state and national averages.

Walsh, principal at Palm Desert High School, loves numbers, loves what they say about his high school, about its teachers, parents and the 2,000 kids who, for four years, call this campus on Phyllis Jackson Lane their second home.

"This is a great school," Walsh says as the swarm of students floods the campus' lawn-covered quad on their way to their 1 p.m. classes. "There are tons of great kids here."

The numbers help tell another story this year, that of a California Distinguished School, one of only 192 middle and high schools to be so named statewide, the Coachella Valley's only public high school to get the honor in 2005.

They tell the story, but only part of it.

There's this, too. Only a quarter of the state's 2,300plus public middle and high schools are eligible to apply for the yearly citation. About 60 percent of those did this time around. Site visits by local educators and state Department of Education officials follow.

State and federal assessments such as No Child Left Behind and benchmarks such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the Academic Performance Index are factored in, also.

Representatives from 10 different organizations, including the California League of High Schools, county offices of education and the California Teachers Association, review the school's application - a comprehensive pitch to state education officials showing how a school's programs and curricula work,

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

The California Department of Education created the Distinguished School recognition program in 1985 to honor schools for their exemplary and inspiring performance.

Elementary and secondary schools are recognized during alternating years, and the designation is valid for four years. About 5 percent of schools are recognized each year.

Palm Desert High School was the only Coachella Valley school that was named as a 2005 California Distinguished School.

Five other Riverside County high schools were also recognized: Corona Senior High and Santiago High from the Corono-Norco Unified School District; Martin Luther King High, Polytechnic High and Ramon High from the Riverside Unified School District; and Temecula Valley High from the Temecula Valley Unified School District.

Four Riverside County middle school received the honor: Darmouth Middle from Hemet Unified School District, Thompson Middle from Murrieta Valley Unified School District, Chemawa Middle from Riverside Unified and Vail Ranch Middle from Temecula Valley Unified.

For more information, visit the California Department of Education Web site at www.cde.ca.gov.

OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS

Honored as California Distinguished Schools in the past: how effective they are, how safe and inclusive its campus is, among other key criteria.

It's a painstaking but rewarding process for a school, says Jan Hawkins, director of development for Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley, and one of those who has helped draft applications for three past distinguished schools in Desert Sands Unified School District: Indio Middle School, Palm Desert Middle School and Washington Charter School.

"When you see all the elements, you really see how much (a school) has accomplished," Hawkins said. "It makes you think about what a top-performing school does. It shows what a top-performing school is expected to be."

The adults talk about it one way, the students another, but they say the same thing: Getting to this point is hard work.

Listen to the students. They'll tell you what this hong They use words like pride, accomplishment, achievement, respect, and they, than aware of what it means come college application time.

"This gives us the recognition we've worked so hard for," said Joy Isravisvakul, an 18-yearold senior with her sights set on University of San Diego in the fall.

And they talk about it with a quiet self-assurance, that such honors are expected here.

"We're a very competitive school," said Kayleigh Hyde, an 18-year-old senior who will attend the Air Force Academy in the fall. "Everybody's trying to do more. Every year the classes get more competitive - everybody wants to do better than the year before."

Consider the numbers: An Academic Performance Index score that increased this year by 46 points. A ranking of 9 of a possible 10 for 2004 based on 2004 API scores; an 8 of a possible 10 when compared to other, similar schools.

This year marks the first time Palm Desert High School has received the honor, but it's almost a yearly tradition in the school's Desert Sands Unified School District.

Desert Sands schools have received California Distinguished Schools citations eight times since 1994, including six times in the past eight years.

It's a history that students like Citlali Armijo, the school's student body president-elect, relish-

"We all want to excel. We have plans for school. We know how important testing is, how important getting good grades is," she said. "The teachers truly care about you and where you'll end up. They won't let you stray behind."

Talk to teachers like Alissa Marshall. She chairs the school's English department and helped draft the application for a Distinguished School citation.

She talks excitedly about the school's arts programs, new instructors in dance and voice, plans for the school's first musical in years and new activities and programs to keep kids interested in school.

Listen to parents like Hawkins, president of the Palm Desert High School Foundation, an organization that solicits funding and support for school activities.

Coachella Valley Unified: Oasis Elementary, 1998; West Shores High, 1992

Desert Sands Unified: Indio Middle, 1996; James Monroe Elementary, 2000; La Quinta High, 1999, 2003; La Quinta Middle, 1994; Palm Desert High, 2005; Palm Desert Middle, 2003; Washington Charter Elementary, 1998, 2004

Palm Springs Unified: Cathedral City Elementary, 1998; Landau Elementary, 1995; Palm Springs High, 1986

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Inspiring student mourned

School recalls athlete's spirit during cancer battle

By Sherry Parmet UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

April 14, 2005

CARLSBAD – When Andrew Thibeault lost his hair to chemotherapy, his friends and a teacher at La Costa Canyon High School shaved their heads, too.

Though he was more often at home than at school in recent years battling bone cancer, students voted the popular soccer athlete onto the homecoming court twice.

And as his tumors grew and spread, classmates sought to lift his spirits by raising money to send him to a Faith Hill concert through the Make-A-Wish Foundation so he could meet his music idol.

After nearly three years of fighting a rare form of bone cancer known as chondroblastic osteosarcoma, Andrew, 17, died Tuesday at 1:52 p.m. in his La Costa home. His family was by his bedside.

For students, Andrew's courage and commitment to education and community service throughout his illness was both compelling and inspirational, making yesterday one of the most trying school days of the year.

Nearly three times the normal number of students were absent, most of them seniors.

Rooms were set aside for support groups. A counselor stopped by senior classes to talk to students about dealing with grief. In the typically buzzing walkways, voices were been appended and some teenagers burst out of classrooms in tears.

Principal Stephen Levy said on this day, hu

would take precedence over instruction.

"Andrew lived a life that was probably m the courage to stare down the demons the me,' it was, 'I can handle this and I want than most of ours," Levy said. "The things he faced, the spirit he took, and s might never be able to handle with aplomb. Rather than, 'Why me or poor perience to be as natural as it can be and go to college.' "

Throughout the radiation, chemotherapy surgeries, Andrew took challenging Advanced Placement and honors courses and earned good grades. He completed his school work in the hospital or at home. He applied to college and was accepted to several, including the University of San Diego.

And he thought of others. This school year, he collected almost 3,000 video movies, a VCR and TVs for Children's Hospital for an Eagle Scout project.

Substitute teachers were on campus yesterday to take over classrooms when grieving teachers needed moments alone.

Teacher Doug Heflin said Andrew left his honors world history class during his sophomore year. Heflin kept the desk vacant for the remainder of the school year and thought of Andrew often, living so close but unable to come on campus. The



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CSU Schools May Confer Doctorate Dogrees

Education: Certain Fields Call for Much Stricter Entry-Level Requirements

BY CONNIE LEWIS

Proposed legislation that would allow San Diego State University, Cal State San Marcos and 21 other campuses throughout the CSU system to independently offer doctorate degrees has prompted a turf war with the University of California system.

Because the state's 45-year-old mandate for higher education stipulates that the more academically research-oriented UC campuses are the only state-run institutions allowed to confer doctorates, the work-force driven Cal State schools must team up with UC schools or other private universities to offer doctorates.

Senate Bill 724, introduced this year by state Sen. Jack Scott, D-Pasadena, would allow the CSU system to go it alone, offering doctorates in audiology, physical therapy and educational leadership.

San Diego State President Steven Weber said the bill is long overdue because California is behind other states in providing workforce doctorates.

"When the master plan was put in place, the only (academic) doctorates that existed then were on the research side of the equation," Weber said. "Now there's a range of doctorates that are not research related, but work-force related, and California lags way behind other states in providing them."

Jan Andersen, San Diego State's dean of graduate studies, said national accrediting agencies will require a doctorate as the entry-level professional degree for audiologists graduating in 2011. While San Diego State doesn't offer a doctorate in physical therapy, and there is no timeline for it becoming an entry-level requirement in that profession, she said the "aging baby boomer population" has spurred demand for both audiologists and physical therapists.

In terms of health care, UC schools have historically emphasized producing doctors, dentists and medical researchers, she said.

As far as educational leadership goes, a doctorate is practically a necessity in California for the state universities to offer in the doctorate degrees in audiology," he said.

San Diego State, which counts some 33,000 students, offers 16 doctorates by teaming with UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, Claremont Graduate School and the <u>University of San Diego</u>, said school Provost Nancy Marlin.

The only doctorate offered by Cal State San Marcos, which opened in 1990 and has 7,471 students, is in educational leadership, which is done in conjunction with San Diego State and UCSD.

"What this (proposed legislation) does is that it opens access to California students

"... There's a range of doctorates that are not research related, but work-force related, and California lags way behind other states in providing them."

> - Steven Weber San Diego State president

SU/UC doctoral programs are a del for the state because they bring r the strengths of both institutions,"

Andersen said Arditti misses the point. "We're not trying to move into the arena of traditional professional doctorates. UC would still be the sole authority for that," she said.

In his letter to Scott, Arditti also argues that if the bill passes, it would put additional strain the state's already strapped education budget.

"SB 724 would either spread public funding for doctoral education across 33 institutions (UC and CSU campuses combined) instead of 10 (UC campuses), or else put substantial additional pressures on the state General Fund," Arditti said. "To fund CSU graduate programs at UC levels would cost the state tens of millions of dollars annually."

Andersen countered, saying, "There need not be any additional costs, and in fact there may be savings to both students and the state, because tuition at Cal State schools is lower than the UC system."

Yet, as he stated in his letter, Arditti wants Scott to convert his bill into a request for a study on the need "for additional doctoral education, either in the specific fields you believe are of concern, or more generally."

Scott's bill goes to the Senate Education Committee for consideration April 13.

A similar bill failed to pass three years ago, when then-Gov. Gray Davis threatened a veto based on the assumption that the UC and Cal State systems could work out their differences without interference from the Legislature.

these days for school principals and other grade-school administrators, Andersen said.

"Master's degrees are becoming what bachelor's degrees were in the 1950s, and doctorates are now what master's were," she said.

Gregory King, who has a doctorate in audiology and practices at the **Hearing & Balance Center** in Kearny Mesa, said the state should amend its master plan for higher education now.

"I can't speak on the subjects of physical therapy and education, but I'm seeing increased demand (for audiology services) and it's a good idea at this stage of the game who currently don't have that," said Pat Worden, the dean of graduate studies at Cal State San Marcos.

Stephen A. Arditti, a UC assistant vice president and director of state governmental relations, said the partnership degree program doesn't need to be fixed unless a case can be made that it's broken.

In a letter to Scott in late March, Arditti said, "CSU has indicated there are unmet needs in some disciplines such as audiology and physical therapy, yet has not produced, or asked the California Postsecondary Education Commission to produce any studies of supply and demand

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Marquette Club to Gather at USD on May 15

The Marquette Club of San Diego will hold a Mass, lunch and social on Sunday, May 15, at the University of San Diego. Father Fred Zagone, S.J., Marquette's assistant to the vice president for university advancement, will preside over a Mass at 11 a.m. in USD's Founders Chapel. A lunch and social will be held from noon to 2 p.m. near Founders Chapel in neighboring Salomon Hall. During the afternoon, San Diego alumni and friends will be updated on the latest university news and hear from special invited guests, including former Marquette basketball players Don Kojis, Jerome Whitehead and Cliff Massey. *For reservations, call* (800) 344-7544 or email kristen.ramirez@marquette.edu by May 11. THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE / APP

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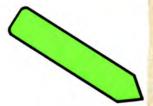
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Fisher always Wanted USD

By Mark Zeigler STAFF WRITER



Cindy Fisher came to San Diego often over the past decade, either on recruiting trips or with teams she was coaching, and each time she drove past the <u>University of</u> <u>San Diego</u> she'd look up at the glistening campus and reflect on her Catholic upbringing and think the same thing.

Sometimes she even said it out loud.

"That's the place I want to be one day," Fisher would tell whomever she was with. "Up on that hill. Right there."



Yesterday, she was hired as the USD head women's basketball coach.

Fisher replaces Kathy Marpe, who resigned in

March after 25 seasons, and Fisher admits it didn't take long to have her résumé in the mail.

"I was going to be extremely selective where I was looking," said Fisher, an assistant at Nebraska the past two years. "I really, really wanted to be at a place, at a university, I felt strongly about."

It was an emotional day for her new players, who sat through yesterday's news conference at the Jenny Craig Pavilion with hopeful, and no doubt heavy, hearts. Many of them had pushed Executive Athletic Director Ky Snyder to promote longtime assistant Erik Johnson, and Fisher's hiring, coupled with her decision to hire her own staff, essentially means Johnson is moving on.

"We all have emotional ties to Erik," captain Polly Dong said, "and feel he's a really great coach and he's done great things for us. ... It's tough. We're all kind of adjusting right now. Erik had a lot of support from the team.

"But we also understand that Ky and the rest of the athletic department are making what they felt is the best decision for the future of this

program."

Johnson is considered a candidate for several vacant head coaching positions, including the one at UCSD,

Fisher, 40, arrives at Alcala Park with a glistening résumé with one curious footnote. After her playing career was cut short by injury, she bounced around as an assistant coach at various schools before becoming head coach at Wyoming. There, the Cowgirls improved each season — from 7-19 to 10-18 to 11-17 to 13-15 to 18-12 in 2002-03 — and routinely had players on all-academic teams.

Fisher, a Cheyenne native, was offered a five-year contract extension worth a reported \$113,000 per year.

And turned it down ... to take an assistant job at Nebraska.

At the time, Fisher declined to speak publicly about her decision and stood by an athletic department news release that cited "personal reasons." Yesterday, she said it was merely an opportunity to move to a bigger program and learn the finer points of the motion offense under Nebraska coach Connie Yori.

"I felt that was a really good move for my career," Fisher said. "The reason was to go get more experience. I've always had a big place in my heart for Nebraska and the Big 12. I never thought of it as a step back. I looked at it as another experience. I knew in my heart what I was doing."

On the court, the Toreros can expect a change as well. Fisher is a proponent of an up-tempo offensive attack and multiple defenses. How much of that she implements next year, when she'll have a veteran team returning, will depend on "the personnel we have."

Fisher was also asked about her vision for the Toreros.

She didn't hesitate with her answer. "My vision," she said, "is to win championships."

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California dreaming

Fisher finds perfect fit at University of San Diego

By STEVE KIGGINS Star-Tribune staff writer

For years, Cindy Fisher daydreamed of coaching women's basketball in a city that neighbored the ocean, a place where the sun is shining every day, where the skies are always blue.

By now you've figured out that her dream job wasn't in Laramie.

In her first interview with the Wyoming media since her sudden resignation jolted the University of Wyoming, Fisher told the Casper Star-Tribune that she has reached the place in her dreams and is determined to live her dream to the fullest.



"San Diego is the place I've **FISHER** always wanted to be," Fisher

said. "And, fortunately, this job came open at the right time for me. I'm really, really excited."

On Tuesday, nearly two years to the day she stunned then-athletics director Lee Moon by walking into his office and offering her resignation, Fisher was hired as head coach at the University of San Diego.

The 40-year-old Fisher, who has spent the past two seasons as Connie Yori's top assistant at Nebraska, replaces Kathy Marpe, who resigned in March after winning 294 games in 25 years for the West Coast Conference school.

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FISHER: Went 59-81 at UW

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"These last two years at the University of Nebraska, I've learned so much and grown so much as a coach," said Fisher, who helped lead the Cornhuskers to back-to-back appearances in the Women's National Invitation Tournament. "It was good for me to take a step back (from being a head coach) and look at things you would do the same and things you would do different.

"It was definitely a great experience and I'm gonna be better now than I was at Wyoming because I've learned more as a coach and matured as a coach."

For five years, Fisher served as the Cowgirls' head coach, the job many figured had to be the Cheyenne native's dream job. Her UW teams improved each season, from 7-19 to 10-18 to 11-17 to 13-15 to 18-12 in 2002-03.

A few days after guiding the Cowgirls to the first postseason victory in program history, a first-round triumph over Montana in the 2003 WNIT, Fisher agreed to a five-year contract extension with a total package of about \$180,000 annually.

"This is exactly what I wanted," Fisher told the Star-Tribune on March 26, 2003.

Less than a month later, Fisher wanted out. Citing personal reasons, Fisher abruptly resigned and, one day later, accepted an assistant coaching position at Nebraska.

While her decision shocked UW officials and fans across the state, Fisher said she knew what she was doing.

"I really felt like going to the Big 12 was important for me to gain experience and grow as a coach so this opportunity I have now would come for me," said Fisher, who, as a player, starred at Cheyenne Central High School and Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington. "I'll always have a huge place in my heart for the Cowboys and Cowgirls. That won't change."

In her heart of hearts,

"I'll always have a huge place in my heart for the Cowboys and Cowgirls. That won't change."

CINDY FISHER, FORMER UW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

though, Fisher wanted to coach at San Diego.

Why?

■ It's a place where young players want to go, which should make recruiting far easier than it was in Laramie or Lincoln, Neb.

■ The Toreros play their home games inside the Jenny Craig Pavilion, a sparkling, 5-year-old arena that seats 5,100 fans. That's another bonus for recruits.

The weather. Duh!

■ She believes the Toreros can become *the* team to beat in the WCC, year in and year out.

"They have all the potential in the world to win that conference," Fisher said. "Nobody has really dominated that conference. I think it's a conference that's wide open. Obviously, Gonzaga is doing a great job right now and Loyola Marymount has been a good team and so has Santa Clara.

"But I definitely think it's a winnable conference."

The Toreros, who finished 9-19 last season, including a 4-10 mark in conference play, are in what Fisher called a "rebuilding mode." San Diego has twice qualified for the NCAA tournament, in 1993 and 2000. Both years, the Toreros were champions of the WCC.

Soon, Fisher promised, San Diego will be atop the WCC once again.

"It's a winnable conference," Fisher said. "It's a place I think you can win championships, and that was really important to me."

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Nebraska aide gets USD job

By Nicole Vargas STAFF WRITER

Cindy Fisher, Nebraska's top assistant the past two years, has been named head women's basketball coach at USD, the university announced yesterday.

Fisher will be introduced by Executive Athletic Director Ky Snyder at a news conference at noon today. Snyder was unavailable for comment yesterday.

In Fisher's two years with the Cornhuskers, the team had two 18victory seasons and went to the Women's NIT twice.

Before working with the Huskers, Fisher was the head coach at Wyoming, leading a program that improved each year under the Cheyenne, Wyo., native. The Cowgirls went 7-19 in Fisher's first season. By her fifth season, the team finished 18-12 and went to the Women's NIT.

Fisher was rewarded with a fiveyear contract extension. But less than a month after agreeing to the extension, Fisher resigned for "personal reasons" and joined the Nebraska staff of head coach Connie Yori.

Among Fisher's recruiting successes was Wyoming senior Ashley Elliott, who recently was named a Kodak/WBCA All-Region honoree. Fisher's 2001-02 team was honored for finishing the season with the highest team GPA in the nation.

Fisher, who also served as an assistant at Weber State, Mesa (Ariz.) Community College and Illinois State, and an assistant and recruiting coordinator at Old Dominion, succeeds Kathy Marpe, who stepped down in March after 25 years.

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Fisher hired as USD's women's hoops coach

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Former Wyoming coach Cindy Fisher was hired Tuesday to head women's basketball program at the <u>University of San Diego</u>.

Fisher was Nebraska's top assistant the past two seasons. She was head coach at Wyoming from 1998-2003, going 59-81.

She becomes <u>USD</u>'s third head coach since the program's inception in 1978-79. She replaces Kathy Marpe, who resigned last month after directing the program for 25 years.

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Sandy Alderson was hired as the chief executive officer of the San

Diego Padres. A former president and general manager of the Oakland Athletics, Alderson became executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office in September 1998.

 Jonathan Ledecky, a former co-owner of the National Hockey League's Washington Capitals, is leading an investment group seeking to buy baseball's Washington Nationals.

• Tim Wakefield, the longest-tenured player on the Boston Red Sox, agreed to a one-year contract extension for \$4 million through 2006 that gives the team the power to keep him for the rest of his career.

• The Yankees called up left-hander Buddy Groom from Class AAA Columbus, pushing New York's payroll over \$200 million.

Groom's addition, as a replacement for Tanyon Sturtze, who is on the disabled list, will add \$850,000 to the Yankees' payroll, which began the season at \$199.77 million, including credits for cash transactions.

 Describing himself as "a big teddy bear," retired slugger Jose Canseco denied hitting anyone in a 2001 bar fight in Miami Beach as testimony opened in a \$1.5 million lawsuit filed against him and his brother Ozzie by two California men.

FOOTNOTES

Armstrong doesn't test limits in Tour de Georgia

Lance Armstrong took a safe approach in the first stage of the Tour de Georgia in Macon, Ga., avoiding risk of injury and finishing 15th.

Armstrong is using the race as a tuneup for what he said will be his final Tour de France this summer. South Africa's Robert Hunter won the 128.8-mile leg, unofficially, in 5 hours, 47 minutes, 52 seconds.

• The International Olympic Committee's ethics commission summoned leaders of the five cities vying for the 2012 Olympics to see if any of them broke bidding rules by offering incentives.

The move came after New York and London - seeking votes in the final stretch of the campaign - promised subsidies, free marketing and other benefits to international sports federations and national committees.

 Sprinter Marion Jones' defamation trial against Victor Conte in San Francisco was stayed until after criminal case against the BALCO founder is completed.

 Andre Agassi received a court violation for smashing his racket but then rallied in a second-set tie to beat Michal Tabara 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) in a first-round match of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Champions Houston.

Top-seeded Andy Roddick beat qualifier Matias Boeker 6-2, 6-3. Defending champion and third-s Tommy Haas eliminated Kristof Vliegen 6-3, 7-5.

 Former Wyoming women's basketball coach Cindy Fisher was hired to head the program at the University of San Diego.

 Former St. Bonaventure men's basketball coach Jan van Breda Kolff agreed to settle his lawsuit against the Olean, N.Y., school. He claimed to have been wrongfully dismissed following a player eligibility scandal in 2003.

· Wake Forest junior center Eric Williams joined sophomore guard Chris Paul in entering the NBA draft.

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Toreros lose to USF

USD missed an opportunity to pick up ground in the West Coast Confer-

ence, losing 3-2 to USF in 11 innings at the Toreros' Cunningham Stadium. USD (25-22-1, 11-11) was three outs from a 2-1 victory when the Dons (31-12, 15-4) scored in the ninth inning. Conference play) wanted to make up all three of the games against the Falcons (5-26, 0-12) but Air Force applied for a waiver of the conference's make-up policy and the conference's joint council approved the request.

Assistant commissioner Carrie Wolf s largest factor considered by the nine emphasized that it didn't have

he "student-athlete welfare issue" was the er committee. It's known that Air Force chers to play six games in three days.

The Aztecs (11-24) beat

CLA 9-6 on Tuesday. The Bruins are 8-25.

Matadors beat USD

Johnny Coit singled in Raymond Ravago with one out in the 10th to give the host Cal State Northridge baseball team a 13-12 win over the University of San Diego. The Toreros are 24-19-1, while the Matadors are 13-20-4

Aztecs beat Toreros

No. 43 San Diego State closed out the women's tennis regular season with a 4-3 victory over host USD.

At No. 4 singles, former Torrey Pines High standout Lauren Perl of USD beat Eliska Krausova 6-3, 6-2. However, Perl and teammate Emma Murphy lost to Indra Erichsen and Nina Spaeth 9-8 at No. 1 doubles.



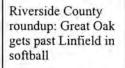
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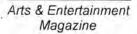
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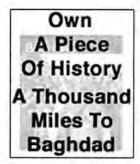


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Single game Saturday, twinbill Sunday now slated

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PORTLAND, Ore. - The opener of a three-game West Coast Conference base of eries between the University of Portland and Gonzaga University scheduled for Formy alternoon at Joe Etzel Field has been postponed due to inclement weather.

The teams will play their regularly-scheduled single game Saturday of 1 p.m., then complete the series with a double-header on Sunday beginning at either 11 a.m. or non. Sunday's start time will be determined on Saturday.

The Bulldogs are 7-4 atop the Coast Division of the WCC and hold a one-game lead over both Loyola Marymount University (6-5) and the <u>University of San Diego</u> (8-7). LMU hosts Santa Clara University while UDS entertains West Division leader Pepperdine University in other three-game series this weekend.



Josh Monroe is the probably starter for Saturday's game at Portland following Friday's rainout.

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Local Briefs: Zawadzki, Billings key Aztecs' comeback win By: North County Times -

Lance Zawadzki hit a tie-breaking, walk-off home run as the San Diego State baseball team finished a four-game sweep of visiting Air Force with a 9-8 victory Sunday afternoon.

The Aztecs trailed 8-5 after five innings, but Bruce Billings (5-3) closed the game with four innings of hitless relief to give San Diego State time to mount a comeback.

Zawadzki (four RBIs) game-winning was his second home run of the game and his fifth of the season. Jordan Swaydan also homered a Force, while teammate Brock Ungricht finished with two RBIs and two runs scored.

With Air Force forfeiting two senses, the Aztecs' record now stands at 17-24 overall and 11-7 in Mountain West Conference play. The Falgure are 5-34, 0-18.

Toreros split

The University of San Diego baseball team split two games at Portland. The Toreros won 9-4 in the completion of a game suspended by rain Saturday. The game resumed Sunday with the Toreros ahead 7-3 in the sixth inning. In the full game, Portland prevailed 4-3 as Nik Kosach hit a tie-breaking home run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The Toreros are 25-21-1, 11-10 in the West Coast Conference. The Pilots are 14-25, 5-14.

Sealions fall

The San Diego Sealions suffered their first loss of the 2005 National Surfing League's California Cup at the hands of the Orange County Octopus, falling 95-87 at Oceanside Pier.

The Octopus (2-1) got strong performances from Timmy Reyes and Matt Losness. The Sealions (5-1) finished 3-1 during their homestand and remain in first place overall.

---- Scott Bair

Seidel ends up 12th

Cardiff's Guenter Seidel finished 12th among 12 competitors in the World Cup Dressage Finals on Saturday night in Las Vegas.

Seidel scored 70.650 aboard Aragon, the first time in World Cup history every rider scored above 70. Anky Van Grunsven of the Netherlands won the competition at 86.725. Debbie McDonald, who finished third, was the top American.

Aztecs win finale

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USD loses to Portland

Portland's Given Kutz (6-4) limited USD to six hits and two earned runs over nine innings in a 7-3 West Coast Conference victory for the Pilots (13-24, 4-12) over the visiting Toreros (24-20-1, 10-9).



USD won its men's and women's openinground matches in the West Coast Conference Championships. The men beat San Francisco 4-0 in Malibu and the women defeated Portland 5-2 at USD.

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San Diego County roundup: Comets clinch PCC title By: North County Times

Dylan Parzyk's game-ending, ninth-inning home run over the right-field fence gave Palomar College its fifth Pacific Coast Conference baseball championship in eight years as the Comets downed visiting San Diego Mesa 2-1 on Saturday.

Parzyk, a sophomore who graduated from Rancho Buena Vista High, hit the game-winner against Kyle Owsley of Mesa (15-16, 12-9).

"He got a fastball out over the outside half of the plate, and I got the bat out there," said Parzyk, who has signed with the University of Kansas. "I didn't get a great swing. I didn't know if it was going to get out."

Derek Simper drove in Palomar's first run with a second-inning single through the left side of the infield.

Adam Duncan, the third of three Palomar pitchers, came on in the eighth inning and picked up the win for the Comets (22-7, 17-3).

San Diego surfers win

The San Diego Sealions remained undefeated in the National Surfing League's California Cup with a 100.75-93.75 victory over the Ventura Pelicanos at Oceanside Pier.

The scored was tied at 71.25 after the third period, but the Sealions (5-0) outscored Ventura (0-3) in the fourth to secure the victory. Austin Ware (Solana Beach) paced the Sealions with an 8.0 wave score in the fourth period. Rob Machado (Cardiff) and Heath Walker each recorded a 7.5 in the decisive period.

The Sealions wrap up this weekend's competition with ame against Orange County at 8:30 a.m. today.

Aztecs thump Falcons

Meanwhile, the <u>University of San Diego</u> baseball team had its game at Portland suspended in the sixth inning because of rain. The Toreros lead the game 7-3. It is scheduled to be completed today before a regularly scheduled game.

Tidd ties for third

San Marcos' Rachel Tidd finished tied for third in the uneven bars at the NCAA women's gymnastics championships at Auburn, Ala. Tidd, who competes for Utah, had a score of 9.8875 to match UCLA's Tasha Schwikert and Utah's Ashley Postell. Alabama's Terin Humphrey won with a mark of 9.9375.

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College BASEBALL Pepperdine avoids sweep with victory over Toreros

By Kirk Kenney STAFF WRITER

<u>USD</u> won two of three games this weekend against Pepperdine, but the Waves avoided a sweep yesterday with a 5-3 victory at the Toreros' Cunningham Stadium.

Pepperdine (24-12, 11-3 West Coast Conference) built an early 3-0 lead against USD right-hander Matt Couch (2-3), who allowed nine hits and three earned runs over eight innings.

Couch didn't enjoy the offensive support provided the two previous games when the Toreros (24-18-1, 10-8) totaled 19 runs. USD catcher Logan Gelbrich accounted for most of the Toreros' run production yesterday with a two-run homer in the fifth inning that trimmed Pepperdine's lead to 3-2.

Single runs in the seventh and ninth innings made the difference for the Waves, who ended USD's winning streak at five.

Pepperdine freshman righthander Doug Konoske (La Costa Canyon) recorded the final four outs for the Waves — stranding runners at second and third base in the eighth — to earn his first career save.

Toreros keep going and going...

beat Waves in 16

Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

USD and Pepperdine weren't able to settle their differences in nine innings yesterday at the Toreros' Cunningham Stadium.

So they played on, through 10, 11, 12, 13 innings...

Things got a little silly in the middle of the 14th, when "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was played for a second time.

And it was downright nuts in the 15th, when packages of peanuts and Corn Nuts were thrown from the press box into the stands to reward those who stuck around.

There was an even better treat for Toreros

fans in the 16th, when Keoni Ruth hit a basesloaded single to score teammate Gavin Ng with the winning run in the Toreros' 7-6 West Coast Conference win over the Waves.

"I was popping up a lot of balls earlier," said Ruth. "I was just trying to get the ball to the outfield. I sat back and drove it."

The victory clinched the series for the Toreros (24-17-1, 10-7 WCC), who now also will enjoy home-field advantage against Pepperdine (23-12, 10-3) should they meet in next month's WCC Championships.

Pepperdine starter Paul Coleman was one out away from a 6-3 victory when USD rallied in the ninth inning. Freshman center fielder Justin Sny-

der capped the comeback with a two-run single off reliever Steve Kleen that Waves second baseman David Uribes couldn't handle.

Then it became an endurance test: Kleen (3-2) pitching for Pepperdine and closer Matt Falk for the Toreros. Falk (3-2) scattered five hits over seven innings, buying the Toreros time until they brought home a run.

"Anytime you go so deep into a game you have to be focused," said Falk, a junior right-hander from San Juan Capistrano. "This shows what we're made of. We didn't give in at all."

Ng started the winning rally with a two-strike bunt down the third-base line for a single. As Ruth's hit sailed over the head of Pepperdine center fielder Adrian Ortiz, Ng could have walked home with the winning run.

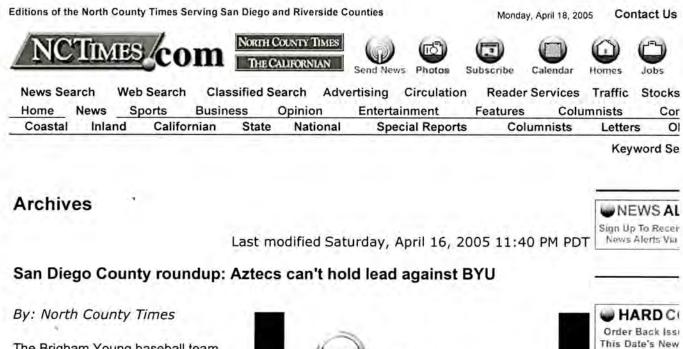
Ng jumped on the plate and then into the arms of teammate Jordan Abruzzo, who was hitless on the day.

"That's the happiest I've ever been after going 0-for-7," said Abruzzo.

BYU beats Aztecs

BYU (26-9-1, 12-3) got the best of visiting San Diego State's bullpen for the second straight game, collecting 10 hits and nine runs in the bottom of the eighth inning for an 18-11 MWC victory over the Aztecs (10-24, 5-7).

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The Brigham Young baseball team scored nine runs in the bottom of the eighth to overcome a two-run deficit and defeat visiting San Diego State 18-11 on Saturday afternoon.

The Cougars (26-9-1, 12-3 Mountain West Conference) sent 14 men to the plate in the eighth, using 10 hits and a walk to rally past the Aztecs (10-24, 5-7). San Diego State had led 11-6 after five innings.

That offensive outburst in the eighth came against four San Diego State relievers. Left-hander Dan Bruckart (0-1) took the loss.



After falling behind 4-0 after two innings, the Aztecs scored five times in the third on three hits, two walks and a BYU error.

The Cougars took a 6-5 lead in the bottom of the third, but San Diego State scored six times in the top of the fourth to make it an 11-6 contest. The big blow in the inning was a two-out, three-run home run by third baseman Lance Zawadzki.

However, the Aztecs could muster only three hits over the final five innings.

Trailing by five, BYU fought back with two Diego State's lead to 11-9 before mount

the sixth and one in the seventh to cut San me-winning offensive outburst in the eighth.

San Diego State's Quintin Berry bod a double and two singles, two runs scored and a pair of RBIs and extended his hitting streak to 22 granes.

USD wins in 16 innings

The University of San Diego baseball team beat visiting Pepperdine 7-6 in 16 innings. Keoni Ruth drove in the winning run with a single in the bottom of the 16th inning to score Gavin Ng from third

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The Toreros (24-17-1, 10-7 West Coast Conference) rallied from a late four-run deficit, scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth to force extra innings against the 29th-ranked Waves (23-12, 10-3).

SDSU clinches title

The 37th-ranked San Diego State men's tennis team clinched the Mountain West Conference regular-season champing with a 5-2 victory over New Mexico in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Aztecs (14-5 won 10 straight matches. The regular-season championship is San Diego State's years.

The Azter out the MWC regular season this morning against Air Force.

Toreros softball splits

The <u>USD</u> softball team split a doubleheader against visiting Portland State, losing the first game 1-0 and winning the second 3-2. The Toreros are 16-16, 6-4 in the Pacific Coast Softball Conference, while the Vikings are 12-19, 6-4.

SDSU women win

The 45th-ranked San Diego State women's tennis team completed the MWC regular season with a 4-3 win over host Utah. The Aztecs are 14-9, 4-3. Utah is 13-11, 3-4.

Aztecs split at tourney

The 13th-ranked San Diego State women's water polo team split a pair of games at the Long Beach Tournament, beating Cal State Bakersfield 16-4 and losing 9-7 to No. 18 Hartwick College. SDSU is 12-14.

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Toreros apply early lesson

Patience pays off vs. Pepperdine starter in third

By Kirk Kenney STAFF WRITER

There is a fine line een aggressiveness an inpatience.

It's safe to say <u>USD</u> hitters crossed it yesterday when Pepperdine's Kea Kometani retired the Toreros on three pitches in the second inning. "That can't happen," said USD third baseman Kevin Hansen. "We've got to give our pitcher a little more rest.

"We took it upon ourselves (after the second) to see more pitches and make (Kometani) work a little bit."

USD worked the count in the third inning and worked over Kometani. He allowed four, runs in the inning — a rally fueled in part by his two throwing errors — and the Toreros were on their way to a 12-2 West Coast Conference victory at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

"He's a great pitcher," said USD first baseman Randy Curtis, who singled home a run in the third to complete the rally. "We were trying to be aggressive."

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Curtis and his teammates scovered something after one ime through the batting order: "We had to let the game come to us."

Kometani (7-3) allowed eight runs, six earned, before the Toreros chased him in the seventh inning.

Hansen and Shane Buschini led the Toreros (23-17-1, 9-7) with three hits each. Buschini added a game-high three RBI.

It was more than enough support for USD starter Josh Butler (7-4), who went seven innings for his fourth straight win. Butler allowed two runs and two hits in the first inning but limited the Waves to two hits over the next six innings.

Sean Warlop came on in the eighth and closed out the Waves (23-11, 10-2).

The series is crucial because the team that wins two of the games would be the host school in the event both teams advance to the WCC Championships.

BYU edges Aztecs

BYU rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 13-12 Mountain West Conference win over San Diego State in Provo, Utah.

SDSU shortstop James Guerrero's two-run homer in the top of the ninth staked the Aztecs

(10-23, 5-6) to a 12-9 lead.

SDSU needed just three outs for its second straight win over BYU (25-9-1, 11-3), but Apana Nakayama's third double of the game drove in two runs to complete the comeback.

Freshman right-hander Andres Esquibel (2-5) took the loss for the Aztecs.

More baseball

• UCSD lost a crucial CCAA game to first-place Cal Poly Pomona 6-3 on the Tritons' diamond. Pomona (?2-15, 18-9) jumped on UCSD starter Logan Boutilier for 12 hits and held a 5-1 advantage after the first three innings. Taylor Wilding tossed a six-hitter for the Broncos, striking out 10. UCSD (22-14, 17-12) remained in second place.

• PLNU (28-9, 14-6 GSAC) split a doubleheader with Cal Baptist (17-18-1, 11-7), losing 6-3 in the first game and edging the visitors 2-1 in the nightcap. The Sea Lions remain in first place.

Track and Field

UCSD's Jon Patton broke the school record in the 200 meters with a time of 21.84 in the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational. Triton Mimi Hodgins also set a school record with a time of 4:29.95 in the 1,500.

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SDSU fails to sweep/ obos

By Kirk Kenney STAFF WRITER

It is one of the most basic concepts in hitting: swing at strikes.

Lay off the pitches that are high and low, inside and outside. San Diego State first baseman Tim O'Brien said as much on Saturday: "You get ahead as a hitter instead of letting the pitcher dictate."

SDSU's patience paid off with 35 hits and 32 runs in two blowout victories over the weekend in its Mountain West Conference series against New Mexico.

But SDSU returned to its free-swinging ways yesterday in a 6-4 loss to the Lobos at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

New Mexico junior righthander Darren Coltrinari (5-2) allowed five hits and two runs in the first two innings, but he was helped in the second when the Aztecs (9-21, 4-5 MWC) had runners thrown out at third base and home to blunt a potential big inning.

Coltrinari, who pitched into the ninth, was in charge thereafter for the Lobos (16-17, 6-6). "They (SDSU hitters) thought it was going to be just like the first two games," said SDSU coach Tony Gwynn. "Baseball isn't a game like that. You have to earn it.

"You have to tip your cap to (Coltrinari) because he made the pitches, and our guys swung at them ... We've got to swing at strikes, get a ball we can handle and not chase all his stuff. We just kept on chasing."

New Mexico was successful with another hitting concept: get a pitch you can drive.

The Lobos did all of their scoring against SDSU starter Ben Coon (1-2) on home runs — a solo homer by designated hitter Chris Carlson, a two-run homer by catcher Jeff Grady and a three-run shot by left fielder Garrick Haymore.

Haymore's homer made it 6-2 in the fifth, plenty of cushion when the Aztecs came back with two runs in the sixth.

"We'd been swinging at some bad pitches," said New Mexico coach Rich Alday. "I thought we were a little more patient today and swinging at pitches in the zone, something to drive."

Toreros complete sweep

USD catcher Jordan Abruzzo went 5-for-5 and drove in two runs in the Toreros' 8-5 win at Santa Clara. The victory completed a three-game sweep of the Broncos in the West Coast Conference series.

USD right-hander Matt Couch (2-2) allowed eight hits and four runs over 6¹/₃ innings to get the win. Outfielders Justin Snyder and Shane Buschini added three hits apiece for the Toreros (22-17-1, 8-7 WCC).

Tritons split

No. 17 UCSD split a California Collegiate Athletic Association doubleheader with fifthranked Chico State at Nettleton Stadium in Chico, winning the first game 5-4 before suffering a 7-1 loss to the Wildcats (25-8-1, 18-7) in the second. Reliever Ryan Leake (4-2) earned the win for UCSD (22-12, 16-11), allowing four hits in 31/3 shutout-innings. Triton Jose Navarro (2-3) took the loss in the second game, giving up three earned runs on seven hits in 42/3 innings.

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San Diego County roundup: Lobos can't cool Aztecs' bats

By: North County Times

The San Diego State baseball team continued to hammer New Mexico's pitching staff, pounding out a seasonhigh 18 hits in a 15-4 victory Saturday afternoon at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Every starter had at least one hit for the Aztecs (9-20, 4-4 Mountain West Conference). They moved into third place in the conference, a half game ahead of the Lobos (15-17, 5-6).

The Lobos took a 1-0 lead in the second, but the Aztecs responded with eight runs in the bottom of the third as they sent 12 batters to the plate against New Mexico starting pitcher Danny Ray Herrera (4-2). The inning was highlighted by a grand slam by first baseman Tim O'Brien, his team-leading fourth homer of the season.

O'Brien also had a triple and a single.

San Diego State second baseman Sam Pepper was 4-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI. Shortstop James Guerrero was 3-for-5 with two triples, three runs scored and three RBIs.

Aztecs leadoff hitter Quintin Berry had a double during the eight-run third inning to extend his hitting streak to 18 games.

The teams conclude the three-game series at p.m. today.

Toreros sweep

The <u>University of San Diego</u> baseball team swept a doubleheader from host Santa Clara, winning 19-2 and 10-9. In the first game, Keoni Ruth was 4-for-6 with four runs scored and six RBIs for the Toreros (20-17-1, 6-7 West Coast Conference). The Broncos are 14-17, 1-8.

SDSU ends skid

The San Diego State softball team ended its eight-game losing streak by beating visiting Utah 1-0 in the second game of a doubleheader. The Aztecs (23-19, 1-7 Mountain West) lost the first game 5-0.

In the second game, former Valley Center High standout Lacey Craft drove in the winning run in the second inning with a double to right-center off Utah starter Lindsie Nielsen to score Allison Smith.

The Utes are 12-17, 1-3.

USD softball splits

The USD softball team split a doubleheader against host Sacramento State, winning the first game 3-0 and dropping the nightcap 5-2. The loss was the first in Pacific Coast Softball Conference play for the Toreros (15-13, 5-1). The Hornets are 19-17, 2-4.

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Coreros win

<u>USD</u> swept its West Coast Conference doubleheader with host Santa Clara (14-20, 1-11 WCC) at Buck Shaw Stadium. After a 19-2 Toreros romp in the opener, USD designated hitter Jamie Hesselgesser walked in the 10th inning of the second game, stole second, then scored on a single by center fielder Justin Snyder as the Toreros (21-17-1, 7-7) won 10-9. Josh Butler (6-4) took the win in Game 1, allowing one run in seven innings while striking out nine. SAN DIEGO UNION – TRIBUNE BAN DIEGO, CA DAILY 339,032 APR 04 2005

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By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

Closer Matt Falk had been as close to a sure thing as there is for USD this season, allowing just two earned runs in 19 appearances.

That didn't mean much to Gonzaga, however.

The Bulldogs scored three ninth-inning runs off Falk to tie yesterday's West Coast Conference game. Gonzaga pushed another run across against Falk in

the 11th for a 7-6 victory at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

"My control's usually there, it just wasn't in the ninth inning for some reason," said Falk, who followed a 1-2-3 eighth by walking three of the first four hitters he faced in the ninth.

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I missed some spots. That's pretty much it."

Freshman center fielder Justin Snyder sparked the Toreros (19-17-1, 5-7) to a 4-0 lead through four innings, collecting three RBI with a single and a triple.

Gonzaga (18-10, 5-3) came back for two runs in the fifth against USD starter Matt Couch, but the Toreros still had a 6-3 advantage when Falk (1-2) took the mound in the eighth.

"He's been great all year," USD coach Rich Hill said of Falk. "It was kind of a fluke thing.

"You have to give credit to Gonzaga more than anything else. They put good swings on balls and were tough outs."

Elsewhere

UNLV completed a three-game Mountain West Conference sweep of San Diego State with a wild 16-15 win at the Rebels' Earl Wilson Stadium. UNLV (14-18, 8-1) scored the first nine runs in a game played in 30-40 mph winds. The Aztecs (7-20, 2-4) rallied back for eight runs of their own capped by Jake McLintock's grand slam in the fifth to make it 9-8. A six-run seventh helped SDSU to a 14-12 lead before the Rebels came back for four runs in the bottom of the inning. SDSU scored once in the ninth and had the potential tying run at third when the game ended.... UCSD won 14-4 against Cal State Stanislaus (15-18, 9-10) in a California Collegiate Athletic Association game at UCSD. David Morehead led the Tritons' 16hit attack with two doubles, a triple, a home run and six RBI. Logan Boutilier (7-1) won for UCSD (19-10, 14-8). He allowed one earned run and struck out seven in seven innings.

LOCAL BASEBALL

Butler does it, hurls USD to CC victory

By Kirk Kenney STAFF WRITER

Finding seats right down front at <u>USD's</u> Cunningham Stadium yesterday was the Garrison family, visiting here for the first time from Joplin, Mo.

Toreros right-hander Josh Butler showed them something, pitching USD to a 2-1 West Coast Conference victory over Gonzaga.

The Garrisons have remained in touch with Butler and Toreros teammate Shane Buschini ever since the family hosted the players in Joplin two summers ago for a USA Junior National Team tryout. They got to see Butler (5-4) at his best against the Bulldogs (17-10, 4-3). The sophomore from Northern California pitched seven shutout innings before being nicked for a run in the eighth. He allowed five hits, struck out five and dropped his ERA to 2.67.

"He gets better every time out," USD coach Rich Hill said after Butler won for the fourth time in five decisions. "He throws three pitches for strikes, and today he really pitched well inside."

USD (19-16-1, 5-6) needed such an effort after going the first 15 innings in two games without scoring. The offensive woes have seemed most pronounced with Butler on the mound, but he doesn't seem to mind.

"That's actually kind of helped me to focus more, stay determined and keep runners off the bases," said Butler.

USD finally ended its scoreless streak with two runs in the seventh inning off Gonzaga's Patrick Donovan (4-4), who allowed just five hits over eight innings. The seventh was most notable for three Toreros bunts, including a perfectly executed suicide squeeze by Tyler Fernandes that found a seam in the Bulldogs defense for a single. "For the last four years we've been setting all kinds of offensive team records," said Hill. "This is just a different type of team. We have to pay more attention to the execution part of it."

Butler said he would like to have finished out for his second complete game of the season, but was fatigued by the end of the eighth.

"I was getting tired and my pitch count was up," he said. "I had confidence that Matt Falk was going to finish it."

Falk, who has allowed just two earned runs in 19 appearances, closed out Gonzaga in the ninth for his fifth save.

Aztecs lose again

San Diego State left-hander Alex Hinshaw (1-6) allowed seven runs over $5^{2/3}$ innings against UNLV in the Aztecs' 10-4 Mountain West Conference loss at the Rebels' Earl Wilson Stadium.

SDSU (7-19, 2-3) took a 3-2 lead in the fifth inning but watched UNLV (13-18, 7-1) collect five runs over the fifth and sixth for a 7-3 lead.

More baseball

UCSD stopped a five-run eighth-inning rally to win the first game of a California Collegiate Athletic Association doubleheader 9-8 before being shut out 4-0 by Cal State Stanislaus at Triton Baseball Field.

T.C. Geach earned the Game 1 win for UCSD (18-10, 13-8), allowing five runs on five hits in $7\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

The Warriors (15-17, 9-9) held UCSD to just two hits in the seven-inning second game.

• Host Point Loma Nazarene (23-8, 9-5) and Azusa Pacific (13-15, 8-7) split a Golden State Athletic Conference doubleheader at Carroll B. Land Stadium. The Sea Lions crushed the Cougars 13-3 in Game 1 and lost the nightcap 8-3.

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Zags add insult to USD pitcher's injury

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

It was difficult enough for USD coach Rich Hill to watch yesterday as the Toreros suffered their most lopsided loss of the season, 14-0 against Gonzaga at Cunningham Stadium.

To make matters worse, Hill won't see USD sophomore Nate Boman on the mound today against the Bulldogs.

Boman has been the team's most effective pitcher this season, going 5-1 with a 2.28 ERA and 53 strikeouts against just 14 walks in 47¹/₃ innings. But he will miss today's start and is expected to be sidelined for a month because of a shoulder problem. An MRI exam is scheduled for Monday.

"We'll know more after that," Hill said. "His arm feels better. The swelling's gone down. I think it's just some tendinitis in the rotator cuff. Either way he's gone for a month."

Boman, a left-hander from Patrick Henry High, missed starts against San Diego State and Saint Mary's last month because of the problem. In between was an outing against Loyola Marymount in which he departed after three innings.

"Tve never had shoulder problems at all in the past," Boman said. "It flared up against Loyola. That third inning it was hurting pretty bad. It feels like there's something pinching. It's real frustrating."

Boman watched yesterday's activities

from the stands, which couldn't have been easy knowing there was nothing he could do today to help the Toreros put the loss behind them.

Gonzaga (17-9, 4-2 West Coast Conference) pounded three Toreros pitchers for 20 hits in the opener of the three-game series. Meanwhile, USD (18-16-1, 4-6) could do nothing offensively against Bulldogs starter Josh Monroe (5-1), who scattered seven hits and allowed only two Toreros past first base.

"It's really been a struggle all year," Hill said of the offense. "We have to fix the engine. The adjustments are not being made ... Everybody's had an opportunity. At some point there's a responsibility to really have a good approach, put good swings on balls and to execute.

"We always knew that offensively we're going to have to put some runs on the board. Our defense has come around. There's a lot of positives that are going on. But when you have injuries and guys go into slumps, that's where your depth comes in. We're looking for somebody to step up."

Aztecs fall to UNLV

San Diego State fell behind in the Mountain West Conference standings when last week's series at Air Force was snowed out.

The Aztecs (7-18, 2-2) slipped a little more with last night's 6-1 loss to UNLV at

the Rebels' Earl Wilson Stadium.

SDSU starter Bruce Billings (2-3) allowed just two runs over seven innings, but UNLV starter Matt Luca (3-4) was even better.

Luca, who no-hit the Aztecs two years ago in Las Vegas, allowed three hits and one run over eighth innings.

UNLV broke a 1-1 tie with a run in the sixth inning and put the game away with four runs in the eighth. The Rebels (12-18, 6-1) are a half-game behind first-place BYU (19-7-1, 7-1).

Elsewhere

UCSD gave up a two-run double in the 11th inning and lost 4-3 to California Collegiate Athletic Association opponent Cal State Stanislaus (14-16, 8-8) at UCSD.

The Tritons (17-9, 12-7) rallied in the bottom of the 11th, scoring one run and putting the potential tying run aboard.

Left fielder Craig King led UCSD's offense, going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Shlomo Lipetz (2-3) took the loss, giving up two earned runs in 2¹/₃ innings... Center fielder Scott Dodge and catcher Will Craig each hit two home runs as No. 15 Point Loma Nazarene University (22-7, 8-4) won 7-3 over Golden State Athletic Conference foe Azusa Pacific (12-14, 7-6) in the opener of a three-game series in Azusa.

Jeff Teasley won, allowing six hits and three runs in six innings. Brad Clipp (third save) pitched three scoreless innings. Gonzaga Pounds USD in Series Opener

Zags win streak reaches five.

April 1, 2005

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Kiel Thibault, Aaron McGuinness and Darin Holcomb each had three hits as the Gonzaga University baseball team (17-9, 4-2 WCC) rolled past the <u>University of San Diego</u> (18-16-1, 4-6 WCC) 14-0 in a West Cost Conference game extending their winning streak to five.

Bulldog right-hander Josh Monroe (5-1) picked up the win pitching his first complete game shutout of the season. Monroe scattered seven hits over nine innings while striking out six on the afternoon.

The Zags had all 10 batters they sent to the plate record at least one hit, with seven of those batters recording multiple hits. Thibault went 3-for-6 with one RBI, one double and two runs scored, Holcomb went 3-for-5 with one RBI, one double and two runs scored and McGuinness went 3-for-5 with two runs scored to lead the offense for GU.

The Bulldogs pounded out 20 hits against the Toreros with Justin Blaine (5-4) and Russell Holzhauler taking the brunt of the damage. Blaine allowed six runs on 10 hits over six innings of work in taking the loss for USD and Holzhauler allowed seven runs on nine hits in 2.1 innings of work.

The Bulldogs did most of their scoring damage in the eighth inning as they scored seven runs on eight hits. First baseman Bobby Carlson got things started with his two-run double to right field bringing across Holcomb and Scott Campbell. Carlson came across on Shawn Wayt's RBI single to center field. Will Ayala then brought in two more runs with his single to right field, GU capped the scoring for the inning on back-to-back RBI singles by Austin Highberger and Holcomb.

The Bulldogs would score one run in each of the first and sixth innings, three runs in the third inning and two runs in the seventh inning to round out its 14 runs on the day.

The Bulldogs will return to the diamond on Saturday in hopes of capturing the three-game series with the Toreros in a 1 p.m. WCC game at Cunningham Stadium.

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Kiel Thibault was one of three GU players to record three hits on the day.

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GU has another four-game week ahead.

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WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE: The Gonzaga University baseball team will once again play a four-game schedule during the week as the Bulldogs will host Washington State University at Avista Stadium on Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. before hosting the University of San Francisco in a three-game West Coast Conference series over the weekend. On Friday the game will begin at 3 p.m. and both Saturday's and Sunday's game are set for a 1 p.m. start.

ZAGS ON THE RADIO; Gonzaga University will begin its 2005 baseball radio broadcast schedule this week with the Tuesday game against Washington State Univer series with the University of San Francisco. Brett Sports & Entertainment will remaining home weekend baseball games and the April 12 game against Wa ton State and the May 10 game against Lewis-Clark State College as part of its 12-game to Il package. Games will be broadcast on 1050 AM and 790 AM in the Spokane area. All nes should also be available on the internet at GoZags.com.

LAST TIME OUT: Gonzaga University won three of four games last week. ulldogs started the week with an thrilling 14-13 come-from-behind win over Washington St iversity. With the bases loaded and no outs in the top of the 10th inning, WSU attempted den ball trick, but after a discussion by the umpires, it was determined that the WSU pitcher committed a balk, scoring the go-ahead run for the Zags. On Friday GU extended its win streak to five as GU pounded out 20 hits in a 14-0 series opening win over the University of San Diego. Josh Monroe pitched a complete game shutout allowing no runs on seven hits while striking out six. USD then defeated GU on Saturday with a 2-1 win. The Zags bounced back with an 11 inning 7-6 comefrom-behind win to capture the series from USD. Aaron McGuinness went 3-for-4 with one RBI and one run scored to lead the Bulldogs offense.

SCOUTING THE COUGARS: Washington State University enters the game with a 18-10 overall record and are 1-1 against Gonzaga University on the season. The Cougars are 99-64 all-time against the Zags. Jim Murphy leads the offensive charge for WSU as he is hitting .392 with 31 hits, six doubles, six home runs and a team-leading 39 RBI. On the mound for the Cougars Wayne Daman is 4-2 with an ERA of 3.94.

SCOUTING THE DONS: The University of San Francisco enters the week with a 20-9 overall record and a 7-2 record in the West Coast Conference. USF has won 11 of their last 13 games. The Dons are led offensively by Stefan Gartrell who is hitting .394 with 39 hits, four home runs and a team-leading 30 RBI. Nick Pereira leads the pitching rotation with an ERA of 1.81 and a record of 6-2.

BULLPEN PICKS UP TWO WINS: The Gonzaga University bullpen picked up two wins last the week as three relief pitchers combined to allow two runs in seven innings of work on the mound against the University of San Diego on Sunday giving relief pitcher Nate Williams his second win of the season. On Tuesday, Williams worked three innings of relief against Washington State University to record his first win of the season as the Bulldogs used five different pitchers in the 14-13 came-from-behind win.

SURGING BULLDOGS: The Gonzaga University baseball team has been red hot as of late winning six of their last seven games. During this stretch the Bulldogs have been batting .338 as a team, while holding their opponents to a .264 batting average. The Bulldogs have also outscored their opponents 57-26 during the last seven games. The Bulldogs are now sitting on top of the West Coast Conference Coast Division with a 5-3 WCC record.

MONROE EARNS WCC HONOR: Gonzaga University junior right-hander Josh Monroe has been named the West Coast Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week after helping the Bulldogs to a 14-0 victory over the University of San Diego this past Friday. The Woodinville, Wash. native pitched his first complete game shutout of the season. Monroe allowed no runs on seven hits, while



Scott Campbell and the Zags have a busy week ahead of them.

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Monroe and the Bulldogs will be back in action on Tuesday at Avista Stadium as they face the Pacific Northwest rival Washington State University in a 3 p.m. game.



Josh Monroe allowed no runs on seven hits while striking out six in the 14-0 win over USD.

Zags Back On The Road

GU travels to Santa Clara, Calif. for a three-game WCC set.

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WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE: The Gonzaga University baseball team will travel to Santa Clara, Calif. for a three-game West Coast Conference set with the Broncos of Santa Clara University. Friday's game will be the last game SCU will play at Buck Shaw Stadium with a 6 p.m. start time. On Saturday the Broncos will cristen their new ballpark, Stephen Schott Stadium, with a 1 pm. game. Sunday's contest will also begin at 1 p.m.

LAST TIME OUT: Gonzaga University started the week completing a sweep over the University of Portland on Monday with a 12-8 win. In that game Scott Campbell led the way with his 2-for-3, two runs score, four RBI performance. The Bulldogs then dropped al game against Washington State University on Tuesday night 8-4. Campbell aga the offensive leader for the Zags going 3-for-4 with one run scored. The Zags then open est Coast Conference three-game series against Pepperdine University and captured in in game one on Friday. Jeff Culpepper lead the comeback charge for GU as he hit at homer in the bottom of the eighth to lift the Bulldogs to the win. On Saturday the Waves ir revenge with a 7-5 win to even the series. In that game Campbell and Matt Hibbitts g ht 3-for-4 to lead the offense for GU. In the rubber game on Sunday the Bulldogs pulle -5 win in the bottom of the ninth on Bobby Carlson's RBI walk-off single to right field allow to capture the series.

A LOOK AHEAD: Gonzaga University currently sits in first place of the West Coast Conference Coast Division by three games over the <u>University of San Diego</u>, Next week the Toreros come to Avista Stadium for a three-game WCC set in what could be the deciding series for the Coast Division crown.

SCOUTING THE BRONCOS: Santa Clara University enters the week with a 18-22 overall record and a 4-13 West Coast Conference record after dropping two-of-three to Saint Mary's College over the weekend. The Broncos will have a mid week game against Stanford University before the Zags come to town. SCU holds a 26-25 all-time record against the Bulldogs with GU taking two of the last three contests. The Broncos are led offensively by Kevin Drever who is hitting .402 with 37 hits, five doubles and 16 RBI. On the mound for the Broncos Anthony Rea leads the charge with his record of 3-5 and an ERA of 3.84.

CULPEPPER MOVES UP A NOTCH: Jeff Culpepper is now second in career doubles at Gonzaga University with 51 career doubles. Culpepper sits eight doubles away from the all-time leader Jerrod Wong (1993-96). The outfielder has also moved himself into second all-time in career hits with 250, 19 away from the all-time leader at Gonzaga Eric Rodland (2000-03). Culpepper is hitting .336 with 51 hits 11 doubles and 34 RBI on the season.

ANOTHER STRONG PERFORMANCE FROM DONOVAN: Gonzaga University's junior lefthander Patrick Donovan allowed four runs on eight hits in 6.2 innings of work on Saturday. Donovan is 5-5 with an ERA of 2.97 on the season and has been going deep into games averaging 7.1 innings per start which helps the GU bullpen.

BRENNAN'S RETURN: Gonzaga University's junior outfielder Jackson Brennan made his return to the line-up for the Bulldogs on Friday after almost two months off. Brennan's bat was a welcome addition to the West Coast Conference Coast Division leaders as he went 4-for-12 with one RBI and three runs scored for the weekend. Brennan is leading the Bulldogs batting charts with his .357 batting average.

ZAGS APPROACHING 30 WINS; Gonzaga University currently sits at 25-15 overall and are only five games away from the 30 win mark. It has been 15 years since a Bulldog team recorded 30 wins, and 24 years since the Zags have made a post season appearance.



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Jackson Brennan the the Bulldogs will look to extend their WCC Coast Division lead this weekend.

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State, UCLA held a .955 fielding percentage with 41 errors in 24 games. However in four games last week, the Bruins did not commit a single error and imroved that fielding percentage six full points to .961. The Bruins also turned four double plays in three games at USC, including a season-high three twin killings on Friday.

Bullpen Blues: While opponents' bullpens have posted a measly 2.73 ERA against UCLA this season, the Bruins' relief core has not faired so well. Bruins out of the bullpen have posted a 7.11 ERA against a 5.18 ERA by UCLA starters. However, Bruin relievers have been on call quite a bit this season, averaging over 3.2 innings of work per game.

No Repeat: The last time UCLA opened Pac-10 play with a sub-,500 record was in 2002. In that season, UCLA entered conference action against California with a 13-17 mark and ultimately finished 26-35 (9-15).

Will the Thrill: UCLA had no clear lead off hitter entering the season but sophomore Will Penniall has accepted the role with open arms. The left fielder is hitting .315, leads the team with three triples and has reached base in 20 of 45 lead off at-bats (.444). The sophomore from La Canada also leads the Bruins with ten stolens bases in 12 attempts. Penniall has also displayed finesse in left field as he has posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with 42 putouts through 28 games played. Penniall also leads the team with 11 multi hit games.

B-Mac Attack: Junior first baseman Brett McMillan leads UCLA with 18 RBI. The interesting part about that number is that 12 of those RBI have come from just three games. McMillan has posted an uprecedented three, four-RBI performances with half of the season left to play. McMillan first did it against Cal State Northridge on February 13 and then blasted grand slams against Pacific (2/25) and Texas A&M (3/11).

That Kid From Goleta: Sophomore transfer Tommy Lansdon has overcome a shaky start at UCLA and welcomed his position as the Bruins' starting shortstop. The former Oxnard CC infielder from Goleta, California, is second on the squad with a .340 batting average and launched his first career home run on April 1 against Arizona. Lansdon has not made an error since April 2, spanning five games heading into this week's action.

Crowd Pleasers: UCLA is averaging 1,425 fans through its first 28 games (home and road). In comparison after 24 games in 2004, UCLA was averaging just 448 fans (home and road).

Early Birds: The Bruins have scored in the first inning in 11 of 28 games this season an posted a total 22 runs in that first frame. In fact, UCLA is outscoring its opponents 52 first three innings but then begin to fall off. From the fourth inning on, UCLA is bein 141-67 including a 48-16 disparity in the fifth inning alone.

UCLA adds Two Games to 2005 Baseball Schedule: UCLA has added two games to its 2005 schedule to make up for cancelled contests against Utah earlier in the season. The Bruins will travel to San Diego State on April 19 and will host the <u>University of San Diego</u> on May 3. Both contests are scheduled for 6 p.m.

Hector Ambriz Added to Brooks Wallace Award Watch List: UCLA sophomore right-handed pitcher and designated hitter Hector Ambriz has been added to the 2005 Brooks Wallace Award Watch List, the College Baseball Foundation announced March 8. Ambriz was among 38 players added to the revised watch list after the initial list was released prior to the 2005 season. The Brooks Wallace Award is presented annually to the national college baseball player of the year. Cal State Fullerton's Kurt Suzuki was the winner of the 2004 award.

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B-Mac Attack: Junior first baseman Brett McMillan leads UCLA with 19 RBI. The interesting part about that number is that 12 of those RBI have come from just three games. McMillan has posted an unprecedented three, four-RBI performances with half of the season left to play. McMillan first did it against Cal State Northridge on February 13 and then blasted grand slams against Pacific (2/25) and Texas A&M (3/11). He picked up the game-winning RBI in UCLA's streak-breaking 9-8 win over UC Santa Barbara on April 16.

That Kid From Goleta: Sophomore transfer Tommy Lansdon has overcome a shaky start at UCLA and welcomed his position as the Bruins' starting shortstop. The former Oxnard CC infielder from Goleta, California, is fourth on the squad with a .290 batting average and launched his first career home run on April 1 against Arizona. Lansdon has committed just one error in his last nine games.

I Feel The Need... The Need For Speed: UCLA is 35 of 45 in stolen base attempts and the Bruins' stolen base percentage of 77 is tied for first in the Pac-10 conference. Heading into this week, UCLA has stolen nine consecutive bases without being thrown out. Before the Bruins had three straight runners thrown out (one per game on 4/1, 4/5, and 4/9), UCLA had stolen 11 consecutive bags. UCLA has stolen third base 11 times.

Early Birds: The Bruins have scored in the first inning in 11 of 32 games this season and have posted a total 22 runs in that first frame. In fact, UCLA is outscoring its opponents 59-47 in the first three innings but then begin to fall off. From the fourth inning on, UCLA is being outscored 161-78 including a 49-18 disparity in the fifth inning alone.

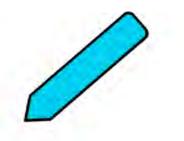
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Rustich Named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week: Sophomore right-hander Brant Rustich was named the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week for the week of February 8-14, Commissioner Tom Hansen announced Tuesday, February 15. Rustich, from El Cajon, Calif., was masterful on Feb. 13 against Cal State Northridge as he picked up his first win of the season with a complete game performance, allowing just one unearned run. Rustich struck out eight and needed just 113 pitches en route to his first career complete game. He got stronger as the game progressed, retiring seven of the last nine batters he faced. The right-hander was not scheduled to pitch in the game because of a rainout two days earlier, but due to Bryan Beck's sore pitching shoulder, Rustich was reinserted into the starting slot. Rustich lowered his season ERA over two full runs down to 2.08. Opposing hitters are now batting a meager .197 against him. The Pitcher of the Week honor is the first ever for Rustich and the 37th selection all-time for UCLA.

Ambriz, Denove, Page and Rustich Noted by Baseball America: UCLA junior catcher Chris Denove was noted by Baseball America as the best defensive catcher in the Pac-10 when the publication released its annual conference preview on January 11. The Agoura Hills native was also listed as having the best arm of all Pac-10 backstops. The magazine also tabbed sophomore pitchers Brant Rustich and Hector Ambriz as the No. 28 and No. 33 best sophomores in the





Ahead of the curve

Norco's Romanski has grown into a pro prospect

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By JERRY SOIFER / The Press-Enterprise

NORCO - Josh Romanski's baseball ambition knows no rest, no matter that he has a college scholar hp, no matter how gaudy his statistics are, no matter the time of day.

The Norco High senior and his father will find a lighted diamond as late as 10:30 p.m. The dad throws batting practice to his 18-year-old son, who is on the cusp of leaving home to play at the University of San Diego or possibly on a minor league team.

Josh said he takes nocturnal BP "when I can't go to sleep, when my mind is turning on certain subjects, (and) I just need something to relieve some stress."

Andy Romanski treasures the time with his son.

"The day is coming when I won't be able to throw batting practice," he said. "I don't want to miss that opportunity to spend time with him."

Practice has made the 6-foot, 175-pound southpaw close to perfect at the high school level.

He's hitting over .600 this season and has a 5-0 pitching mark for the Cougars (12-2-1) going into Monday's Mountain View League game with Moreno Valley Valley View.



"He works harder than anyone I've ever coached," said Coach Gary Parcell. "He deserves everything he gets."

Ty DeTrinidad, coach of rival Corona Santiago, said USD has "a great steal" in Romanski.

"He has something special about him; he's a fiery presence," DeTrinidad said. "He's got this attitude -- in a good way -- that he can't be beat. If you do beat him, you better be ready for the next time. He comes at you."

Mother an Inspiration

Romanski started playing tee ball at age 4. When he was 12 he helped his Corona PONY League squad reach the Bronco Division World Series, taking second to a team from Taiwan. He played on youth teams coached by his father and in travel ball tournaments all over the nation.

"I don't think there's a day that's gone by that we haven't done something on the field, whether it's throwing or hitting or running," said Andy Romanski. "He's done something every day of the week since he was 6."

The most difficult two years of Josh's life began when he was 9. His mother, Sheila, endured two bouts with breast cancer, all the while telling Josh to keep playing.

"In the event something happened, they would have had to go on," she said. "Baseball was his dream."

Josh has been inspired by his mother's example.

"She's my biggest role model in my life just for the fact she survived breast cancer twice," he said. "That's a bigger victory than anything that can be won on the baseball field."

Romanski has experienced tough times in baseball as well, particularly as a Corona Centennial sophomore.

Former Centennial coach Bill Gunn and his staff, which included Romanski's father, were forced to resign midway through the 2003 season for improper conduct on a trip to Ventura County for a game. Josh took part in a one-game players boycott.

"We felt we owed it to him (Gunn) for what he had given to us," he said.

The boycott cost the Huskies a share of the league title. The season ended on a dismal note when Josh was shelled by Valencia in a 17-0 loss in the playoff quarterfinals. It was his last game at Centennial.

"We picked up and moved into the Norco district," Josh said. "The coaches at Norco have been wonderful, getting me settled in with the program ... I've moved on from the Centennial episode ... I'm doing my best as a Norco Cougar to help them win a CIF championship."

Growth Has Helped

Romanski has become a college and pro prospect at Norco, in part, he said, because he's grown from 5-4 or 5-5 as a freshman.

"It was hard being so small for so long," he said. "It was hard having to catch up to everyone. Now that I'm there it's nice."

Romanski has become a dominant pitcher: He struck out 17 last year in a 7-1 win over Riverside Ramona, and gained redemption when he pitched Norco to a 4-1 win over Valencia, the team that had routed him the year before, in a second-round playoff game. Recently he fanned 17 in a win over Moreno Valley.

Romanski attributes his high strikeout totals to being able to throw his fastball, curve and change-up for s

"He's gotten a lot stronger," Parcell said. "He was throwing 83 to 84 (mph) last year. He's in the high 80 did all the right exercises. He did all the right conditioning."

Romanski has filled out questionnaires from many major league organizations. Parcell said he's taken wanting to know when Romanski pitches.

"It's every player's dream to sign," Romanski said. "I have an excellent opportunity at the <u>University of San Diego</u> to play college baseball and get a great education. It's going to be up to professional baseball, up to the scouts, whether I'm ready to go now or if I need to be in college for three years."

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Tony Gwynn hit with suspension for criticizing Mountain West Conference

By: MIKE SULLIVAN - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- San Diego State baseball coach Tony Gwynn was suspended for Friday night's game against Nevada-Las Vegas for recent critical comments he made in violation of the Mountain West Conference Sportsmanship Policy, the conference announced Thursday.

Gwynn was penalized for criticizing a decision made by the conference's joint council related to rescheduling games after a series with Air Force had been snowed out.

The conference said a factor in handing Gwynn a suspension was that he was warned earlier this season after publicly criticizing an umpire.

Gwynn fielded several questions about the situation on Thursday and said "I can't comment" or "I can't answer that" on nearly every occasion.

The school did release a statement from Gwynn later Thursday.

"I was trying to stand up for my team in what was an unusual situation," Gwynn said. "In the process I became too exuberant and expressed myself in an improper manner. I'm ready to accept my punishment and move on."

Interim athletic director Steve Becvar said he had discussed the situation with Gwynn.



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"We understand that Coach Gwynn was trying to defend his team in an unusual situation," Becvar said.

"However, San Diego State regrets the manner in which those frustrations were vented in any negative light in which the Mountain West was portrayed."

The situation that drew Gwynn's ire began when San Diego State and Air Force had a three-game series snowed out in late March when inclement weather hit the Colorado Springs area.

The Falcons were slated to visit San Diego State for a three-game series last weekend and Gwynn wanted to play a six-game series to make up for the postponed games.

However, Air Force didn't feel it had enough pitching to play six games over three days and asked the conference to shorten the series to four games. San Diego State countered by saying the Falcons, who are

The league's joint council reviewed the situation and granted the Falcons' request for a four-game series but declined to make Air Force forfeit the other two games. Assistant commissioner Carrie Wolf told the North County Times in editions of April 20 that the "student-athlete welfare issue" was the largest factor that swayed the nine-member committee to rule in Air Force's favor.

The ruling upset Gwynn and he called the conference's decision an "absolute joke" in a story published April 22 by the San Diego Union-Tribune.

"You want to know why this conference gets no respect in baseball?" Gwynn told the newspaper. "It's because of stuff like this. It's hard to get credibility when they do stuff like this. We've got people laughing at what's going on in the Mountain West Conference."

Ironically, later that day, the conference accepted an appeal by San Diego State and decided the series should consist of six games. However, Air Force still wanted to play just four games and the Falcons elected to forfeit the other two contests.

But Gwynn's comments remained bothersome to the conference and that prompted Thursday's suspension.

"Public remarks of this nature, which criticized the institution administrators and governance structure of the Mountain West Conference, as well as disparaging MW peball, are not acceptable," commissioner Craig Thompson said in a statement.

"There are established internal channels for communication of concerns and expression of positions. We expect those guidelines to be followed."

The Mountain West Conference said it would have no further comment on the situation.

Gwynn was reprimanded earlier this season for publicly criticity g umpire Bill Van Raaphorst in the March 14 issues of the North County Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune. Gwynn was ejected by Van Raaphorst in the fifth inning of a March 13 game against the University of San Diego after disputing a call.

Gwynn said pitching coach Rusty Filter will run the Aztecs tonight. Gwynn will return to the dugout for Saturday and Sunday games with the Rebels.

Gwynn said he was unsure where he'd be tonight.

"I can't be in the dugout and I can't be in the press box," Gwynn said. "And I can't be in the stands because then I'd be a distraction."

Because of the six wins against the Falcons (5-34, 0-18), the Aztecs (17-25, 11-7) are suddenly just three games out of first-place. UNLV (20-23) and Brigham Young (29-12-1) are tied for first place at 14-4.

"The guys understand the importance of this series," Gwynn said. "Vegas swept us earlier this season. We want to win the conference tournament and it will be a lot easier to do that if we get to the bye spots (that go to the top two regular-season finishers)."

Another former major-league player, Brigham Young coach Vance Law, drew a public reprimand on Thursday from conference officials. Law was reprimanded for criticizing the umpires after a controversial play occurred in a game last week.

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Lions hit four home runs on the day to defeat San Diego, 7-1 and 7-4.

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LOS ANGELES, Calif. - The Loyola Marymount softball team hit four nome runs en route to sweeping a doubleheader, 7-1 and 7-4, over the University of San Diego in PCSC action this afternoon at LMU Softball Field. USD had allowed just two home runs all season, but four different Lions hit homers to account for nine of LMU's 14 runs on the day. LMU stays in first place in the PCSC with an 12-2 record and improves to 30-16 overall. It is the seventh straight year that the LMU softball program has won at least 30 games.

The Lions jumped ahead early in both games, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first in game one and two. Brittany Bassett put the Lions on the board in the first game, bringing two runs home on a double to right field with the bases loaded.

The Lions added five runs in the bottom of the second inning. Jessica Grassi led off with a single, and was replaced on the base path by Kayla Meeks' fielder's choice. Meeks advanced on Lisa Abbott's walk, and both runners scored on Margo Pineda's double to left centerfield. Danielle Kaminaka followed with an RBI triple to right field. Caylin Hornish's fifth home run of the season gave LMU a 7-0 lead.

Darcie McClelland replaced USD starter Christina Haake, and was able to shut the Lions down after the second inning. But Meeks was equally dominant in the circle, not allowing a run in 6.0 innings to pick up her 12th win of the season. Meeks struck out three batters, and allowed only one Torero to get past second base.

Danielle Treiber hit a solo home run off of Krystal Kehr in the top of the seventh inning to give the Toreros their only run of the game.

Hornish and Pineda each had two hits and two RBI in game one. Abbott was the only starting Lion without a hit, but she drew two walks and scored both times.

Game two was very similar to game one. Kaminaka's two-run home run in the first inning gave LMU a quick 2-0 lead. The game stayed tight until the fifth inning, when the Lions broke it open with a pair of home runs. Casie Phillips drew a walk, and advanced to second when Emily Foltz hit a tough infield hit to the shortstop. Grassi hit her second home run of the season, a three run blast to left center, to give LMU a 5-0 lead. Meeks followed with another walk, and Abbott put the Lions ahead 7-0 with another home run down the left field line.

Again, McClelland came in for USD and shut down the LMU offense, but it was too late for the Toreros. USD did answer with a pair of runs in the top of the 6th and 7th innings, but it was not enough to overcome the seven run deficit. Treiber had an RBI single, and Ashlee Nunes drew a bases loaded walk in the sixth. Marissa Merchain and Alicia Massei drove in runs in the seventh to make it a 7-4 contest, but Kehr got three straight batters out to end the game.

Tiffany Pagano improved to 12-6 on the season, allowing just two unearned runs in 6.0 innings of work. She struck out seven and walked four. Erin Harmonson took the loss for USD, allowing seven earned runs on nine hits with three strikeouts and five walks.

Abbott picked up three hits for LMU, driving in two and scoring a run. Foltz had two hits, and Grassi had three RBI.

USD falls to 17-19 on the season, 7-7 in PCSC action. The Lions will host their final two games of the season on Sunday with another doubleheader against San Diego. LMU will honor its nine seniors in a ceremony in between games of the doubleheader.

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LMU had four home runs celebrations this afternoon.

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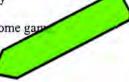
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Toreros And Vikings Split Doubleheader On Senior Day

Kim Delpits scores the game-winning run in her final home gam

April 17, 2005



SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego Toreros (17-17; 7-5 PCSC) and Portland State Vikings (13-20; 7-5 PCSC) split a doubleheader for the second day in a row on Sunday. The Vikings took the first game 5-0 with a great pitching performance from Michelle Hext. The Toreros bounced back to take the second game 4-3, with senior Kim Delpit leading the way in her final home game.

For the second day in a row, Vikings' ace Michelle Hext tossed a shutout to give Portland State a victory in the first game of the doubleheader. She allowed just fives hits while striking out 11 Torero hitters in seven innings of work. Five different players collected hits for the Toreros, including Sara Mason who blasted a double over Viking centerfielder Laura Segall. Portland State took advantage of three walks and an error in the third inning to score four of their five runs. USD Darcie McClelland had a strong game in relief, allowing just three hits and one earned run in four innings of work.

San Diego responded quickly to the opening game loss by scoring three runs in the first inning of Game Two. Leadoff hitter Ashlee Nunes started the inning with a walk. Kathleen Bonja, Kim Delpit and Gina McFarland each collect a hit and an RBI in the inning. The Vikings came back to score a run in both the second and third innings, cutting USD's lead to one.

With the game still at 3-2, Delpit led off the top of the sixth with a double down the left field line. She advanced to third on a fly ball to right field by Gina McFarland and scored what turned out to be the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Alicia Massei. Portland State scored a run of their own in the bottom of the inning to cut the lead back to one, but San Diego pitcher Christina Haake was able to finish off the Vikings, earning her seventh win of the year.

With the series split, San Diego and Portland State are now tied for third place in the PCSC standings, trailing Loyola Marymount (10-2) and Sacramento State (8-4). The Toreros head on the road next weekend to play a four-game series against the first-place LMU Lions.

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Senior 2B Kim Delpit finishes her home career with game-winning run.

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Toreros Split Saturday Doubleheader Against Portland State

Late-inning miscue gives San Diego the Game Two

April 16, 2005

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego Toreros (16-16; 6-4 PCSC) split a conference doubleheader against the Portland State Vikings (12-19; 6-4 PCSC) at the USD Softball Complex on Saturday afternoon. After a Torero error led to the Vikings' Game One victory, San Diego used a late-inning miscue by Portland State's centerfielder to earn the split with a 3-2 victory in Game Two.

With the second game tied at two, San Diego's Kathleen Bonja led off the top of the sixth with looked like a routine fly ball to centerfield, but Vikings's centerfielder Whitney Olsen lost the ball, allowing Bonja to reach second on a double. Senior Francesca Ramos came into the game to pinch-run for Bonja and came around to score the winning run on a two-out single by Gina McFarland. Christina Haake finished off Portland State with 1-2-3 top of the seventh to earn the victory. Haake struck out seven while allowing just one earned run in a complete game. McFarland led the Toreros' offense, going 2-for-3 with an RBI and run scored.

In the first contest, Portland State took advantage of a leadoff error in the fourth inning to score an unearned run on their way to a 1-0 victory. Torero pitcher Erin Harmonson tossed the complete game, allowing just four hits over seven innings. USD's Ashlee Nunes and Kim Delpit each notched hits for San Diego against Vikings' pitcher Michelle Hext.

San Diego finished its home season on Sunday with another doubleheader against Portland State. First pitch is set for 12 noon, with Torero seniors Francesca Ramos and Kim Delpit being honored before the games.

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Kathleen Bonja's double helps USD earn the split against Portland State.

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Athlete Spotlight: Francesca Ramos

The 5-6 outfielder sits down for a Q & A

April 15, 2005

By Roland Hu, USD Media Relation

Senior Francesca Ramos will be playing her last four collegiate softball games this weekend when the <u>University of San Diego</u> hosts Portland State. The 5-6 outfielder has overcome three knee surgeries in her career to provide leadership and inspiration to her teammates and this season, she is one of three team captains. Ramos has been a consistent presence in the line-up through the years, playing in a career total of 103 games and starting 66. Before Saturday's doubleheader with the Vikings, the Sociology major sat down with Roland Hu for a Q & A session.

1. How did you spend your summer?

I worked summer camps here with softball and I went to summer school to finish up some G.E. courses. Nothing really big.

Did you go on vacation at all, with your family or friends?

I went on mini-vacations, but nothing really far. I went to Cabo, Mexico and then Palm Springs. Nothing really big... Disneyland. Six Flags.

Where are you from?

San Diego.

So is it nice to have family nearby?

Oh yeah. That was one of the reasons why I wanted to stay near home. I got recruited a lot to go play back East, but it was just too far for me.

2. What CD are you embarrassed to admit that you own?

I don't really think I have any ... oh wait, no. I have The Lion King.

How old were you when you got it?

I was probably 9 or 10. Oh, and I have the Titanic CD. That's pretty embarrassing.

So you listen to Celine Dion often then?

No, just that one song from Titanic that they outplayed on the radio.

What type of music do you usually listen to?

A lot of rap, a lot of R&B and hip-hop. I like old-school 80's. Yeah, that's pretty much it.

What's currently playing in your CD player?

I have a lot of 50 Cent, Roughriders, Ludacris, Usher, things like that. Sharktale!

3. Which do you like watching better: the Summer or Winter Olympics?

I like watching the Summer Olympics because softball is in there and beach volleyball. I love



Senior Francesca Ramos is one of three team captains this season.

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watching volleyball. I don't know, I'm not really into the figure skating ... snowboarding is cool in the Winter Olympics, but I'm more of a Summer Olympics person.

Were you excited that the U.S.A. captured the gold medal in softball?

Yeah, I was! I kind of expected it. I'm not sure how long softball is going to be in the Olympics anymore. I've heard some rumors that it will be taken out so that's kind of sad.

Did you wake up early to watch the gold-medal match?

I did! I have a lot friends who play on the USA team, so I wanted to watch them.

Who are you friends with?

I am friends with Cat Osterman, the young pitcher. Jennie Finch, I've known her forever. Who else do I know on the team ... Lovieanne Jung from Arizona, who played with Jennie Finch. I didn't know Lisa Fernandez, but I did meet her. She's an awesome player and been around for a long time. Every player that is on the team deserves to be there and I'm glad they got the win.

4. It's 3 A.M. and you can't go to bed. What would you pop in your DVD or VCR player?

The Wedding Planner. It's kind of a low-key movie. It's a movie that is out of the norm for me. I'm more into action flicks like S.W.A.T. and war movies. Spy Game and stuff like that.

So are you a fan of Jennifer Lopez and Matthew McConaughey?

Why yes I am! I love them together! I think they are great!

What is your least favorite movie?

I don't really know if I have one! I don't really go to movies that often ... they are kind of expensive!



Or how about any movies that you rented, but didn't like?

You know what, my mom keeps on getting me to watch The Pianist, but I have no desire to watch it. I've heard it is good, but I just don't want to watch it. It's supposed to be kind of sad and I'm not much for those types of movies. That's one that you'd probably have to really convince me to watch!

5. Where is your favorite place to shop for clothes?

Cheap places like Forever 21, Charlotte Russe... like Pac-Sun. places like that.

What do you normally wear on an everyday basis?

I would say the main garment in my wardrobe that I am constantly wearing, like four times a week, is jeans. I live in jeans. I love jeans. I have like 50 pairs of jeans and I'm a comfort girl. I'll throw on a

The 5-6 outfielder enjoys listening to rap, hip-hop, R&B, and old-school 80's music.

tee-shirt, flip-flops, and jeans, and I'm set to go.

Do you go all out for jeans, in terms of cost?

Yeah. I do. When I was in high school, I didn't. I just bought whatever. But as soon as I got into college and I started making my own paycheck and that, I decided to make an investment because that is a majority of what I wear.

What's the most you've paid for a pair of jeans? And be honest now!

Ok, ok! I actually just bought a pair of jeans three weeks ago and I think I spent \$130 on them. They're comfy though! And they were on sale!

6. If you were stuck on a stranded island, name three people you would want with you. And no naming family members!

So can I say some of my teammates?

One teammate...

Ok, three people if I was stuck on an island... I think my freshman buddy on the team, Nichole Valenzuela because she's quite funny. She keeps me busy. And two other people... gosh, that's hard! Do you want someone fun or someone who is going to help you survive! Do I have to give a specific name because I'd prefer to have someone like a Navy Seal stuck on the island with me.

Alright... why?

They have hot bodies and they know how to survive! They'd probably get me off the island pretty quick. They won't want to be stuck with me too long. And a third person would be Nellie the rapper because I like him. He seems like an awesome guy and I like he's music.

7. You are about to graduate and move on into the real world. What will be the first thing you will do when you receive your degree?

Breathe a sigh of relief that I made it and I passed all my classes! I'll plaster that puppy up on my wall.

What did you major in?

Sociology.

What is your dream job?

My dream job was to be an F.B.I. secret agent, but I decided to take that off my list. It is a little too hard to have a family and children if I am a F.B.I. agent because of the constant traveling. My next dream job would be working with juvenile at risk kids, gang prevention, probation... so that's what I am looking at.

Why's that?

The area that I grew up in, I kind of wished my brother and my sister and a lot of my friends had someone who cared about them and gave them a second chance. I just grew up through the years saying that I wanted to make a difference in someone's life and let them know that just because they don't have a lot of money or that they don't come from the best background doesn't mean you can't make it in the world.

So you want to use your degree from USD to give back to your community?

Exactly, especially the community that I came from.

What community did you come from?

Paradise Hills in the South Bay, probably 15 minutes from the border.

8. What hidden talents do you have that no one really knows about?

I haven't drawn in a long time, but when I did draw, I was a pretty good artist. Not necessarily portraits of people, but I'd make up my own thing. I have some of those in my room. Yeah, I don't think many people would think I could draw, but I can!

What is something other than drawing that not many people know about you?

I would say that I am not as mean as I look! People are like scared of me, but then they become my friends and they say, "Wow, I was really scared of you!" So I'm not really as mean as I look.

Do you use your intimidation on the softball field?

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I do! That's my favorite thing! I play in the outfield, so I don't get too many chances to interact with players from the other team, but I definitely look out for my teammates and I get a little irked when a cheap shot is pulled on my teammates.

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<u>USD</u> had just five hits overall and lost a doubleheader to Sacramento State 2-0 and 6-1 yesterday in Pacific Coast Softball Conference play in Sacramento.

Erin Harmonson (6-5) took the loss in the first game. She allowed one run on five hits in four innings.

Christina Haake (5-8) gave up four earned runs on seven hits in $5\frac{1}{3}$ innings and got the loss in the second game.

USD is 15-15, 5-3; Sacramento State is 21-17, 4-4.

More softball

UCSD gave up a combined 20 runs on 19 hits, losing 11-3 and 9-3 in the final two games of a four-game sweep by California Collegiate Athletic Association opponent Cal State Dominguez Hills in Carson.

In the first game of the doubleheader, juniors Jackie Miller and Linda Reyes each hit two home runs for the host Toros (32-7, 18-4). Catcher Niki Anderson was the only Triton with multiple hits, going 2-for-3 with a home run, her third of the season.

Melissa Ward (4-7) took the loss for UCSD (15-19, 9-12), allowing six earned runs on as many hits and walking two in 2 ¹/₃ innings.

Reliever Nicole Fullerton gave up five earned runs on five hits and walked two in $2^{2}/3$ innings.

Tine Rowe (7-9) pitched all six innings in the second-game loss. She allowed six earned runs on eight hits and walked 10.

Women's water polo

San Diego State lost its third game in a row, falling 6-2 to Mountain Pacific Sports Federation opponent and thirdranked Stanford before ending the streak with a 17-2 conference victory over Pomona-Pitzer at the Kroc Community Center. Rachel Serna led SDSU (11-13, 2-9) with four goals in the second game.

• No. 19 UCSD lost its final

game at the UC Davis Shootout, suffering a 6-5 loss to No. 14 UC Davis. The Tritons (12-14) finished the tournament with a 3-1 record.

Women's crew

The **San Diego State** lightweight boat lost its final race at the Windermere Collegiate Crew Classic in Redwood Shores in the Bay Area.

Wisconsin (6:42.33) led by six seconds after the first split and never looked back to win over the Aztecs (7:13.64).

Men's tennis

UCSD (11-5) held on for a 5-4 victory over Sacramento State (8-10) at the Northview Tennis Courts in La Jolla.

Women's tennis

San Diego State (12-8, 3-2), the nation's 40th-ranked team won 4-3 over Colorado St (12-7, 2-5) in a Mountain Conference match in Fort lins, Colo.

• No. 73 USD (7-9) fell 5-2 to No. 24 Oregon (14-7) at USD. Toreros Split Doubleheader At Sacramento State On Saturday

Erin Harmonson pitches an eight-inning shutout in Game One.

April 9, 2005

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The University of San Diego softball team split a pair of games at Sacramento State on Saturday atternoon. Torero pitcher Erin Harmonson pitched a complete game shutout in Game One, bringing USD's winning streak to seven, but the Hornets managed to take Game Two by a score of 5-2.

In the opener, neither team was able to score through regulation, sending the game into extra innings. Rebekah Bradford and Ashlee Nunes started out the eighth with back-to-back infield singles, putting runners on first and second base. After Nichole Valenzuela moved them over on a sacrifice bunt, Kathleen Bonja and Kim Delpit collected RBI singles to give San Diego the 2-0 lead. Harmonson held Sacramento State scoreless in the bottom of the inning to finish her shutout and give USD its seventh win in a row.

In the second game, the Hornets started strong, taking a 5-0 lead through four innings. The Toreros threatened in the top of the fifth, loading the bases with nobody out, but only managed one run. San Diego would cut the lead to three in the sixth when Alicia Massei drove in Gina McFarland on a single to centerfield, but they would get no closer. McFarland and Massei each finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate.

USD will finish up the series at Sacramento State on Sunday with another doubleheader starting at 12 noon.

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Gina McFarland went 3for-6 in the doubleheader Saturday.

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UNITEBUNE

The <u>USD</u> softball team opened Pacific Coast Softball Conference play yesterday, sweeping Saint Mary's 2-1 and 4-2 in a doubleheader at the USD Softball Complex.

Erin Harmonson (4-4) picked up the win for USD (12-12 overall) in Game 1, allowing seven hits while striking out eight over seven innings.

Darcie McClelland earned the win in the second game, holding the Gaels (7-25) to just three.

More softball

No. 7-ranked Point Loma

Nazarene split a Golden State Athletic Conference doubleheader with No. 5 Cal Baptist (30-3, 6-3), winning the first game 1-0 before falling 2-0 in the nightcap.

KC Robertson (14-3) earned the Game 1 win for the Sea Lions (30-5, 6-3), and Katie McColeman picked up her third save.

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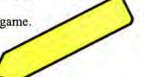
PLNU handed USC (5-1) its first loss with a 32-21 win at the Southern California Division II Regional semifinals at McAlister Field in L.A.

Andy Kurata led the Sea Lions (6-1) with two tries. Toreros Take Two From St. Mary's To Open PCSC Play :: Shortstop Ashlee Nunes collec ... Page 1 of 1

Toreros Take Two From St. Mary's To Open PCSC Play

Shortstop Ashlee Nunes collects two hits in each game.

April 2, 2005



SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The <u>University of San Diego</u> softball team (12-12) opened up conference play on Saturday afternoon, sweeping a doubleheader over St. Mary's College (7-25). The Toreros held on to win 2-1 in the first game and then took the second game 4-2 behind a great pitching effort by Darcie McClelland.

USD took an early 1-0 lead in Game One when Alicia Massei drove in Kim Delpit, who had reached on an error to start bottom of the second. The Toreros then extended their lead to 2-0 in the fifth when Rebekah Bradford scored from first on a double by Kathleen Bonja. St. Mary's threatened in the seventh, scoring a run and putting runners on second and third with two outs, but Torero pitcher Erin Harmonson was able to get Lauren Mello to fly out to center for the final out. Harmonson allowed 7 hits and struck out 8 while earning the victory, improving to 4-4 on the year. Six different USD batters collected hits in the game, with Ashlee Nunes finishing 2-for-4.

In Game Two, San Diego again took an early lead, with Nunes scoring on a grounder in the bottom of the first. The Gaels answered in the top of the second, tying the game at one on a sacrifice fly. The Toreros took the lead again in the third, taking advantage of a SMC error to score two unearned runs, taking a 3-1 lead. USD would add one more run in the fifth on a Sara Mason sacrifice fly, with St. Mary's scoring a run in the sixth, ending the scoring at 4-2. Sophomore Darcie McClelland, starting her second game of the season, allowed just three hits in a complete game to earn the victory and improve to 2-0 on the year.

San Diego and St. Mary's will conclude the four-game series with another doubleheader tomorrow. First pitch is set for 12 noon at the USD Softball Complex.

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Ashlee Nunes collected four hits on Saturday in USD's doubleheader against St. Mary's.

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Gaels Fall in Doubleheader to US

April 2, 2005

San Diego, CA- The Saint Mary's softball team suffered a heartbreaking doubleheader loss to the University of San Diego Saturday afternoon from the USD Softball Complex. The Gaels dropped the first game on their conference slate by the score of 2-1 and then lost in game two 4-2. After the day, SMC moves to 7-25 on the year.

In game one, the Gaels tallied seven hits but saw their comeback fall short in the top of the seventh by only scoring one run in the inning. The Toreros also recorded seven hits but scored a run in the second inning and tacked on the insurance run in the bottom of the fifth.

Offensively, SMC was led by Michelle Mathis, who batted 2-for-3 and was the lone Gael with multiple hits. Senior Claudia Williams (1-for-2) knocked in the only run for the Gaels with an RBI double.

In the circle, the Gaels received another superb performance from sophomore Lauren Gardner. The southpaw allowed seven hits and one earned run and struck out two on the day.

In game two, Saint Mary's knotted the game at one in the top of the second, but then gave up two Torero runs in the bottom of the third and another in the fifth to fall behind for good. The Gaels would tack on one more in the top of the fifth, but once again saw their comeback effort thawrted at the end.

Junior catcher Eleni Papailias batted 1-for-2 with a double and a run. Marcia-Marie Euker (0-for-1) and Justine Larsen (1-for-3) each recorded an RBI with Larsen's lone hit being a two-bagger.

Freshman hurler Megan Galloway suffered the loss despite a strong performance. The newcomer allowed nine hits and two earned runs while striking out three.

Saint Mary's returns to action when it concludes its four-game series with USD tomorrow at noon. Both games of the doubleheader will be played at the USD Softball Complex.

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Junior catcher Eleni Papailias tallied two hits and a double Saturday afternoon.

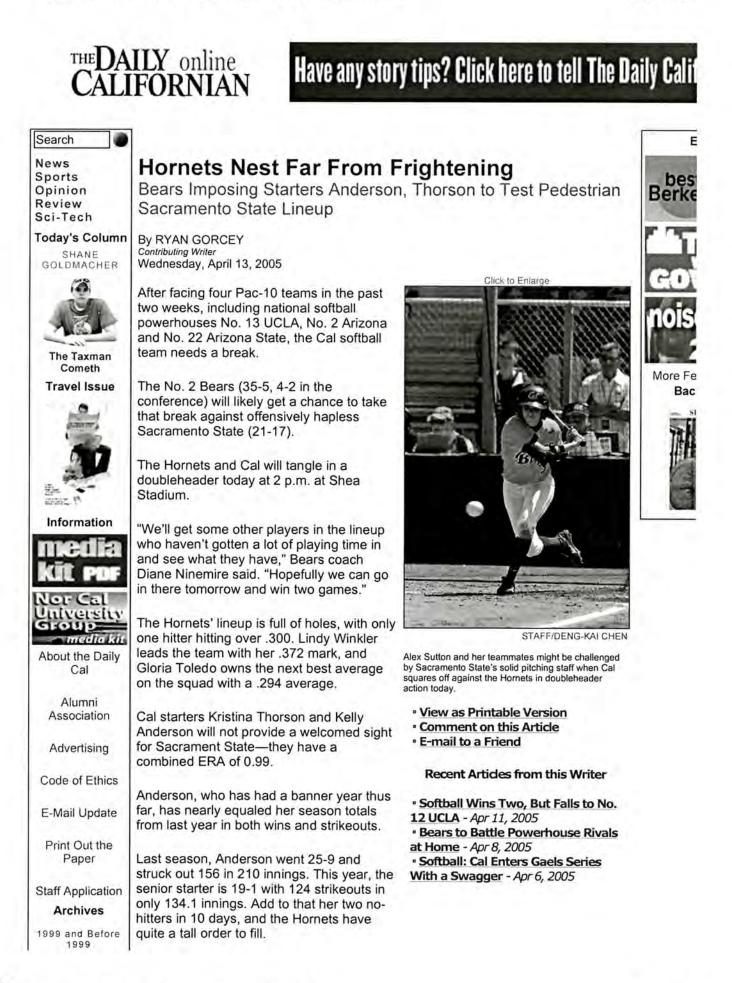
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"She's been our best pitcher to this point," Ninemire said of Anderson. "She's throwing up to her capabilities and just having an awesome year."

Sacramento State is coming off of a doubleheader against University of San Diego, in which it took both games from the Toreros, 2-0 and 6-1.

The one strength the Hornets have been able to depend on is their superb pitching staff. Sacramento State's hurlers boast a 1.55 staff ERA, led by Brianne Ferguson's 1.20 mark.

However, Cal's lineup at the plate is a minefield for opposing pitchers, centered around the Pac-10 Player of the Week, explosive catcher Haley Woods.

The junior is leading the team with 12 home runs, 47 RBIs and a .707 slugging percentage. Last week against Saint Mary's, UCLA and Washington, she went off for two home runs and six RBIs while going 6-for-12 at the plate. The award is Woods' second of the season.

"She's been a good RBI hitter for us," Ninemire said of Woods. "All year long she's been important for us in the middle of the lineup, getting hits and driving in runs."

Woods and her teammates comprise some of the best hitters in the Pac-10. Lindsay James' .478 batting average is second in the conference to the Wildcats' Caitlin Lowe. James and center fielder Kaleo Eldredge are third and seventh in the conference in on-base percentage, respectively. James, third baseman Vicky Galindo and Eldredge are 5-6-7 in runs scored.

Then there is Woods, who leads the conference in RBIs and is tied for the lead in home runs.

The Hornets seem to be in line to become merely a splatter on the windshield of this offensive semi as it rolls toward weekend confrontations with two more Pac-10 teams—Oregon and No. 12 Oregon State.

"I don't think we use anyone as a tune-up. I don't look at who's on the other side of the field. We just control what we can control," Ninemire said.

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Murphy earns top honor

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USD junior Emma Murphy has been named West Coast Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Year for the second straight year. Murphy was joined on the All-WCC team by teammate Lauren Kazarian.

Murphy also earned honors as a member of the doubles All-WCC team along with Lauren Perl. Honorable mention doubles honors went to Toreros' Kazarian and Jenny Brown.

USD's Nic Beuque and Pierick Ysern earned honors as men's singles All-WCC, and Beuque and Mirza Koristovic were named honorable mention in All-WCC doubles.

Polly Dong, a member of the USD women's basketball team, was named a 2005 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar, making the fourth team for women's basketball players. Dong, who carries a 3.23 grade-point average as a business major, averaged 5.9 points and 4.1 assists this past season for the Toreros.

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Murphy: Irish stout

USD sensation earns kudos for work ethic

By Jerry Magee STAFF WRITER

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Sure, and she's an Irish lass, Emma Murphy is, but when she arrived in this country from County Cork to play tennis at USD, her

sh eyes weren't smiling. In them were dars.

She was homesick. "As much as anybody I have seen," said Sherri Stephens, her coach. "I would talk to her mom, Mary Murphy, almost every day, and Mary would say, 'Do ya love Emma? Isn't she such a fine girl? Does she make you laugh, Sherri?"

"No, she cries 24 hours a day."

"That's not Emma. Emma laughs all the time, Sherri."

"Well, I haven't seen her smile once since she has been here."

Emma's eyes now are dry, even twinkling. But the 20-year-old junior who has become the No. 1 player on the USD women's team acknowledges that adjusting to life here was difficult.

"It's very intimidating, coming to this great San Diego," she said. "I wasn't comfortable with the people. I didn't fit in. At home, everybody is so easygoing, not materialistic, nothing like that. And then you come to this school and people are running around with like Louis Vuitton bags that cost millions of dollars, and girls are only interested in what they are wearing."

Stephens had to note that 70 percent of USD's students are receiving some sort of financial aid.

"I think she felt the players on the team

were going to be a lot better than her, and they weren't, and I knew they weren't," said Stephens. "And then as she got confident and realized that she can beat just about everybody in the country — she has done it every year — the more confident she got, the better she hit the ball. She just blossomed, as she has. We're hoping she will be named an All-American this year."

In the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's singles rankings, Murphy is No. 30. Her 12-4 record since Jan. 1 pretty much assures her of a place in the individual NCAA Championships to be played in Athens, Ga., beginning May 19. Meantime, she is to play today when the Toreros oppose San Diego State on the USD courts, starting at 1:30.

USD further is the host school for the West Coast Conference women's championships, a team event that is to be contested Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

To Stephens, what Murphy has brought to her tennis program is her determination and her sense of humor. In some ways, the USD coach said Murphy is superior to Zuzana Lesenarova of the Czech Republic, an NCAA champion for USD in 1999. "Her work ethic and her desire," listed Stephens.

Her wardrobe won't win her any prizes. "You're looking at it," Murphy said. She was wearing tennis shorts and a T-shirt. "Mind you," she said, "I am interested in being rich when I am older so I can have my pool and everything in my back yard."

Ah, the Americanization of Emma. No, she said she forever is going to remain true to the Emerald Isle.

"I'm always going to stick to my culture and my people," she promised. "I'm definitely going to marry an Irish man. As you can tell, I'm a very proud Irish woman. Irish men are the best — the best sense of humor, and they know how to treat a woman. They do, they do. And they know how to have a good laugh as well."

Tennis, it turns out, is not Murphy's favorite sport. Growing up in Cork, Ireland's second-largest city, she was an accomplished enough soccer player to play right wing on her country's under-19 international team. The University of the Pacific sought to enlist her to play both soccer and tennis.

As she explains it, her mother had heard that Stockton would not be the most pleasant of places for her daughter to be educated. Mary Murphy contacted Peter Wright, an Irishman who was coaching tennis at Cal, and Dwight suggested she get in touch with Stephens, who, happily for USD, had a scholarship available.

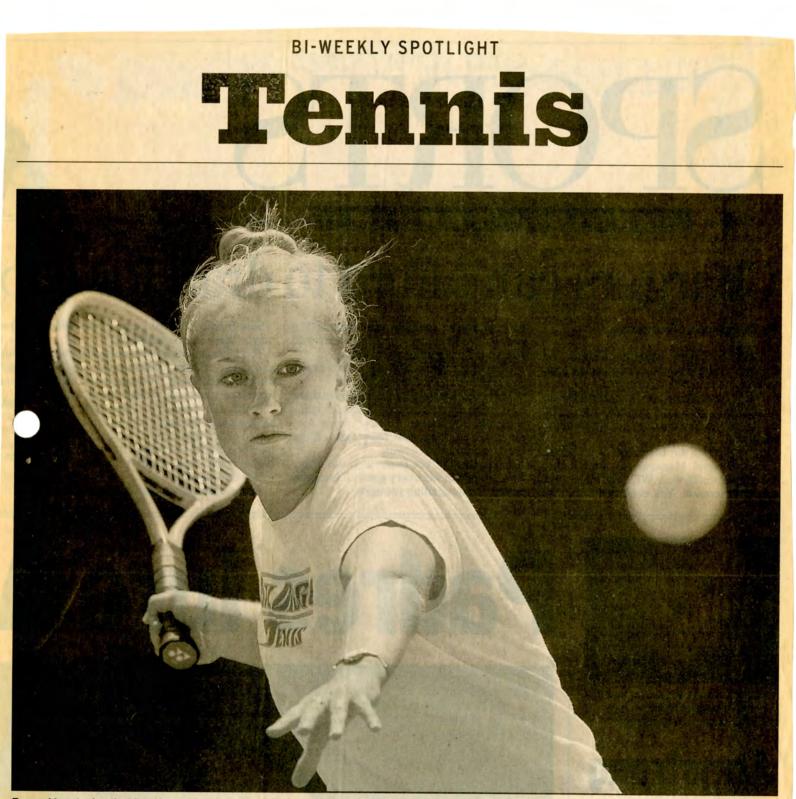
For the Toreros, Murphy did play in one soccer game. Her concentration subsequently has been on tennis, which she said is not the most popular of pastimes in her country.

"We don't have the facilities," she said. "I'm from Cork, and the nearest indoor facility is like four hours away. And there is nobody to play with. I never played in the winter, ever. People just aren't interested in tennis. Soccer is the sport to play. Tennis is the posh sport for the upper class. Soccer will always be my favorite sport."

She is continuing to play intramural soccer. She doesn't care for baseball. "A pregnant woman's sport," she called it. American football, same thing. "Too slow," she said. The Irish sport of hurling, akin to lacrosse, is more appealing to her.

"A good sport," she said. "For real men."

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Emma Murphy is climbing the national singles rankings since arriving at USD from her native Ireland. Roni Galgano / Union-Tribune

Waves Perfect at WCC, Win Championshihp and Awards

Pepperdine claims third straight title, as Waves named to all-WCC teams

April 24, 2005

San Diego, Calif. - The Performance on's tennis team flexed its collective muscle this weekend at the West Could call ance tournament in San Diego, Calif. The Waves capped off a perfect weekend, hoisting to enampionship trophy for the 14th time in 15 years after beating University of San Diego 4-0 in the final match.

In the finals Pepperdine got early help from its numbers one and two teams. Caroline Raba teamed with Sylvia Kosakowski to take out Emma Murphy and Lauren Perl by an 8-3 count. Eva Dickes and Bianca Dulgheru bested Jenny Brown and Lauren Kazarian 8-1 as the Waves seized a 1-0 lead.

"In the doubles we jumped out to a 3-0 lead on two, maybe three courts, and it was really nice to see. They came back and made it a really nice doubles match, but we won convincingly," said Pepperdine head coach Gualberto Escudero. "I thought it would carry into singles and have a great start, but it wasn't the case."

Pepperdine overcame USD's short-lived resurgence, and closed out the Toreros with the first three matches decided. At four Dickes did away with Helene Lindstrand 6-4, 6-0 and her partner Dulgheru had similar success against Kazarian, winning 6-2, 6-4.

On court three Sylvia Kosakowski came back from a surprise 3-6 loss in the first set of her singles match with Perl. The Pepperdine freshman won the next two sets 6-4, 6-2 as the Waves took home the win.

Kosakowski admitted to feeling the pressure in the second set, knowing that the team was starting slowly. "The first set was hard, especially for me. I didn't have my game on...I felt like we were pretty close in the second set, so I felt some pressure. Other than that, in the third set I just breezed through it."

As if a third WCC trophy in as many years wasn't enough, several Waves are carrying individual hardware home from San Diego.

Dulgheru was named the WCC "Freshman of the Year" as a result of her phenomenal 19-2 singles record. Her success also earned a spot on the first all-conference singles team, where she is joined by sophomore Caroline Raba. Earning honorable mention to the singles squad were Dickes and Kosakowski.

Doubles honors also came in pairs for the Waves when Raba/Kosakowski were named to the first team, and Dickes/Dulgheru was an honorable mention.

When the championship match was abandoned, Raba was beating back-to-back WCC "Player of the Year" Emma Murphy 6-2, 5-2.

The Waves now own a 14-8 record and will await the announcement of their NCAA regional championship schedule. The first two rounds of the national tournament are slated for May 13-15. Selections are made on May 4.

Pepperdine 4, San Diego 0

Doubles (Pepperdine wins the doubles point)

- 1. Raba/Kosakowski (PU) def. Murphy/Perl (USD), 8-3
- 2. Dickes/Dulgheru (PU) def. Brown/Kazarian (USD), 8-1
- 3. Asimgil/Dunlap (PU) vs. Anderson/Lindstrand (USD), 5-6



Bianca Dulgheru became the sixth Wave in as many years to be named WCC

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Singles

- 1. Caroline Raba (PU) vs. Emma Murphy (USD), 6-2, 5-2 (DNF)
- 2. Bianca Dulgheru (PU) def. Lauren Kazarian (USD), 6-2, 6-4
- 3. Sylvia Kosakowski (PU) def. Lauren Perl (USD), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2
- 4. Eva Dickes (PU) def. Helene Lindstrand (USD), 6-4, 6-0
- 5. Merve Asimgil (PU) vs. Jenny Brown (USD), 4-0 (DNF)
- 6. Vanessa Dunlap (PU) vs. Jenna Anderson (USD), DNP

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innings despite collecting 12 hits, including four by Darwin Barney and a solo home run by Geoff Wagner, but only two after the fourth inning. OSU (26-5, 5-1 Pac-10) left 11 runners on base and committed a season-high five errors.

Ducks top San Diego to end women's tennis skid

SAN DIEGO - Oregon ended a five-match women's tennis losing streak with a 5-2 win over the <u>University of San Diego</u> on Sunday.

The 24th-ranked Ducks swept the doubles and won four of six singles matches for the victory. Dominika Dieskova, Davina Mendiburu, Jamie Marshall and Ester Bak claimed singles victories.

Oregon faces Pepperdine in Malibu at 1:30 p.m. today.

Nealy paces UO women's golfers to seventh place

STANFORD, Calif. - Senior Johnna Nealy tied for fourth place to lead Oregon to a seventh-place tie at the Peg Barnard California Collegiate women's golf tournament on Sunday.

The Ducks shot a final-round 303, a nine-shot improvement over their opening round, to tie with Denver at 615. Washington won the 15-team event at 587, and Oregon State tied for 11th at 637.

Nealy shot an even-par 72 Sunday to finish at 145, five strokes behind medalist Kim Welch of Washington State. Kim McCready was next for Oregon at 152 to tie for 19th, followed by teammates Michelle Timpani at 159 (tied for 41st) and Erin Andrews at 163 (tied for 55th).

OSU's top finisher was freshman Jessi Gebhardt at 154, tied for 28th.

Rock's triple threat

leads Raiders over NCC

ASHLAND - Megan Rock's three triples highlighted Southern Oregon University's first-game victory in a softball sweep of Northwest Christian College on Sunday.

Rock's outburst led the Raiders to a 10-2 win in the opener before SOU scored an 8-1 victory in the second game. Kaylea Colley and Shannon Reed drove in NCC's runs in the first game, while Kasey Sconce had an RBI triple for the Beacons (16-12) in the second contest.

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Women's Tennis Falls in WCC Championship Opener

Saint Mary's edges the Broncos 4-3 in closely-contested rematch.

April 22, 2005

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - For the second time in just over two weeks, a women's tennis between Bay Area rivals Santa Clara and Saint Mary's came down to the No. 6 since the between the Broncos' Jessie Strunk and the Gaels' Stef Ordoveza. Ten deuces and points later, Ordoveza prevailed to clinch a 4-3 victory for the fifth-seeded Gaels in the opening round of the West Coast Conference Championship, hosted by the University of San Diego at the West Tennis Courts.

Strunk, a junior, had bested Ordoveza 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-4 when these two teams last met, in Moraga on April 6. That victory clinched a 4-3 win for the Broncos, who's record now stands at 14-7 overall after Ordoveza claimed today's rematch. The Gaels improve to 11-7.

Saint Mary's earned the first point of the afternoon by claiming two of three doubles matches. Santa Clara responded with wins by sophomores Kelly Leathers and Erika Barnes to put the Broncos ahead. The Gaels claimed singles wins on the first and third courts for a 3-2 lead when sophomore Kimberly Daniel tied the team score with her court five victory, and thus placing all eyes once again on court six.

The fourth-seeded Broncos remain in tournament action and will play eighth-seeded Gonzaga on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Doubles

- 1. Hoath/Lambert (SMC) Def. Kaloi/Leathers (SCU) 8-5
- 2. Cochrane/Barnes (SCU) def. Charlot/Schulman (SMC) 8-4
- 3. Kummer/Ordoveza (SMC) def. Daniel/J. Strunk (SCU) 8-3

Singles

- 1. Aude Lambert (SMC) def. Janalle Kaloi (SCU) 6-2, 7-5
- 2. Kelly Leathers (SCU) def. Kate Harden (SMC) 6-0, 6-0
- 3. Jessica Hoath (SMC) def. Catherine Cochrane (SCU) 6-3, 7-6 (5)
- 4. Erika Barnes (SCU) def. Kristin Kummer (SMC) 6-1, 7-5
- 5. Kimberly Daniel (SCU) def. Megan Schulman (SMC) 6-1, 6-0
- 6. Stef Ordoveza (SMC) def. Jessie Strunk (SCU) 7-5, 6-1

Order of Finish: 2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 6



Kelly Leathers and the Broncos will face Gonzaga on Saturday morning in contuining WCC Championship action. Tennis Programs Set for WCC Championships :: The Bronco men to compete in Malibu, ... Page 1 of 1

Tennis Programs Set for WCC Championships

The Bronco men to compete in Malibu, women to battle in San Diego.

April 21, 2005

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The Santa Clara University men's and women's tennis teams will participate in the West Coast Conference Championships held in Malibu and San Diego this Friday through Sunday. Pepperdine University will host the men's tournament while the <u>University of San Diego</u> will host on the women's side. The Bronco men enter the Championship as a fourth seed, with an overall record of 12-10. The women also enter the Championship as a fourth seed, with an overall record of 14-6.



Jessie Strunk and the Broncos will compete for league bragging rights at this weekend's WCC Championship.



On the men's side, the tournament features three nationally-ranked teams. Pepperdine currently stands at No. 7 in the nation and has captured 35 WCC titles, including the last 14. The Toreros are currently listed 31st and are the only WCC team other than Pepperdine to have once earned a WCC title. Portland recently

entered the rankings as well and currently stands at No. 72. Six men's singles players in the conference are currently ranked nationally, including Pierrick Ysern of San Diego who ranks 11th. In doubles, Scott Doerner and Pedro Rico of Pepperdine are ranked second by the ITA.

Leading Santa Clara are seniors Taylor Bedilion and Francisco Zepponi. Playing in the top two spots, Bedilion has recorded 11 dual wins. Zepponi set the program mark for career singles wins last Saturday and enters the championships with 73 under his belt. Both players have been key to the team's overall record of 12-10, fourth best in the WCC. Freshman AJ Kerin has also been a significant contributor for the Broncos with an overall record of 19-10 at the No. 5 and No. 6 singles positions. The Broncos are peaking at the right time of the season, as they finished the regular season slate by winning eight of their final 10 matches. Santa Clara has finished in the top four in seven of the past eight WCC Championships.

A.J. Kerin and the Broncos will battle for the WCC's top prize this weekend.

The women's tournament also features a nationally-ranked program. Pepperdine is currently listed 39th in the nation and has captured 15 of the 18 WCC women's tennis titles. Loyola Marymount captured the crown in 2002 to become the only current WCC school other than Pepperdine to have won the championship. Three of the tournament's players are ranked in singles. Emma Murphy of San Diego is listed 30th while Bianca Dulgheru and Caroline Raba of Pepperdine are listed 39th and 68th, respectively.

With an overall record of 14-6, tops in the league, the Broncos are led by senior Janalle Kaloi. Her 14 dual singles victories at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions have been crucial to the Broncos' success. Kaloi has also made significant contributions in doubles. Teamed with sophomore Kelly Leathers, the pair has an overall record of 12-6. Santa Clara enters the tournament having won 10 of its last 13 matches. The Broncos posted back-to-back third-place finishes in 2002 and '03 for the best finishes in program history.

Play is set to begin on Friday, with the Bronco men taking on fifth-seeded San Francisco at 11 a.m. in Malibu. The women's team takes on fifth-seeded St. Mary's in San Diego with at match set to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tennis Heads to WCC Championships

Men travel to Pepperdine; women travel to San Diego

April 21, 2005

SPOKANE, Wash. - The Go

season this weekend as the

The men's team is compete

University of San Diego.

Versity men's and women's tennis teams will wrap up the West Coast Conference Tournament action Friday morning. Pepperdine University while the women's team plays at the

Junior Bryce Cooper and senior Dru Ernst lead the Gonzaga men's team (5-14), as Cooper is 5-4 at No. 1 singles spot and Ernst is 4-4 in the second position. The doubles team of Ernst and junior Arthur Reid are 2-0 in No. 1 play. The men capped regular-season play with three consecutive wins including a 6-1 victory over Eastern Washington University and a 7-0 win over Montana State University-Billings.

Gonzaga finished eighth place last season and placed as high as sixth overall in 1996.

The women are 8-13 overall this season and are led by senior Angela Fry and freshman Amanda Becker. Fry has posted a 6-6 dual match record while playing in the No. 1 spot for the Bulldogs and Becker is currently 6-7 in the second spot. Fry will team with senior Sirrah Williams as GU's No. 1 doubles pair.

The Gonzaga women's team finished the regular season winning two of their last three matches including a sweep of Eastern Washington, 7-0, and a 6-1 win over Lewis-Clark State College.

The Bulldogs finished in eighth place in the Women's WCC tournament last season with a program-best sixth place finish in 1996.

Matches for both the men's and women's WCC tournaments begin at 9 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.



Bryce Cooper leads the charge for the men's team.

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Women's Tennis Sweeps Gonzaga 6-0 at WCC Tourney

The Broncos will play for fifth place on Sunday morning.

April 23, 2005

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The Santa Clara University women's tennis program won its 15th match of the season with a 6-0 victory over Gonzaga in the consolation semifinal of the West Coast Conference Championship, hosted by the University of San Diego at the West Tennis Courts. The Broncos (15-7) will play on Sunday morning for fifth place.

Due to rainy weather forecasted for the area, singles was played first. After Friday's tough loss to Saint Mary's the Broncos bounced back today by winning five of six contests in straight sets. Head coach Damon Coupe said he told his squad that yesterday's match was tough to swallow, but the team's had a great year and they have an opportunity to win two more matches and go out on a winning note.

"It took awhile to let that loss go, but by the end of the day, we checked in with each other and we were ready to go with our confidence today," he added. "One of the great things about this team is how we've responded to adversity all year. It's always been a team effort to get the job done."



Erika Barnes did not cede a game in her victory against Gonzaga on Saturday.

The tournament concludes on Sunday with the final rounds of play. Santa Clara's fifth-place contest will take place at 10:30 a.m. against Portland or San Francisco.

Singles

- 1. Janalle Kaloi (SCU) def. Angela Fry (GON) 3-6, 6-0, 6-1
- 2. Kelly Leathers (SCU) def. Amanda Becker (GON) 6-4, 6-1
- 3. Catherine Cochrane (SCU) def. Kendall Bates (GON) 6-2, 6-4
- 4. Erika Barnes (SCU) def. Sirrah Williams (GON) 6-0, 6-0
- 5. Kimberly Daniel (SCU) def. Sydney Lederhouse (GON) 6-1, 6-1
- 6. Jessie Strunk (SCU) def. Erin Humphrey (GON) 7-6, 6-0

Order of Finish: 4, 3, 2, 1, 5, 6

Doubles

- 1. Kaloi/Leathers (SCU) vs. Fry/Williams (GON) DNP
- 2. Cochrane/Barnes (SCU) vs. Bates/Becker (GON) DNP
- 3. Daniel/J. Strunk (SCU) vs. Humphrey/Lederhouse (GON) DNP

USD's French connection

Ranked ninth nationally, ern sets sights

By Jerry Magee, STAFF WRITER

Voila! At USD, Pierrick Ysern, a ten player from Paris, is doing things for the men's team that by any translation would be *magnifique*, to borrow from the French.

Ysern, a slender left-hander, is making his junior season his best at the school atop Mission Valley, having raised his Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles ranking to No. 9. His ambition is to play on the ATP Tour, and Toreros coach Tom Hagedorn considers this within his reach.

"I see some things in him that aren't coachable," Hagedorn said. "There are a lot of things you can coach, but there are a lot of things you can't. He's got hands and foot speed that I hadn't seen before I saw him."

Take all the athletes in all the sports and for speed afoot, Ysern would fall in the top 5 percent, as Hagedorn views him. "And Pve been coaching for 20 years," he added.

Ysern is set to play No. 1 singles tomorrow when USD, 13-4 but winner of 12 of its past 13 dual meets, plays at San Diego State (10-F 1:30 p.m. Ysern's likely opponent:

likt Stronk, one of four natives of Germany on an Aztecs squad that has swept six consecutive matches, with victories over Harvard (No. 23 in the ITA rankings), UNLV (No. 40), Utah (No. 57) and BYU (No. 58).

The Aztecs are unranked; USD is No. 35.

Ysern happens to be at USD because when Hagedorn was an assistant coach at the University of Arizona, he became acquainted with Charles Auffrey, a Frenchman then associated with Pepperdine. In France, Auffrey currently represents young players who wish to play college tennis in the United States.

"I got a call from Auffrey," Hagedorn said. "Obviously, he sees a lot of players." According to the USD coach, Auffrey recommended that he consider Ysern. To support his recommendation, Aufrey sent a video he had made of Ysern playing his all-court game.

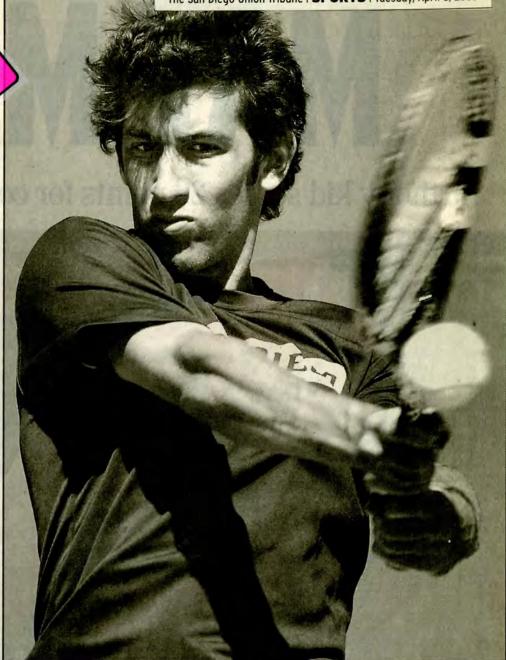
Ysern said he paid Auffrey a fee that he estimated at "about three grand" to represent him. "Like in France, we don't know much about where to go to play tennis," Ysern said. "Basically, he helps you do it. It is a lot (the three grand), but without his help, I couldn't have done it. I didn't know what to do, who to contact, where I could go

a scholarship. I didn't know anything." ern said he had advised Auffrey where he wished to be educated. "Pretty much in California," he said. "He told me my best option was to go to San Diego."

Ysern is from a tennis family. His home in vas within a few minutes of Roland

202 s, site of the French Open. His father erved as the chief referee for that

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"He's got hands and foot speed that I hadn't seen before I saw him," said USD coach Tom Hagedorn of junior Pierrick Ysern, a native of France. *Roni Galgano / Union-Tribune*

event and for about 12 years, by his son's account, was employed by the tennis federation in France. Later, the senior Ysern accepted a position with the ATP Tour, based in Ponte Vedra, Fla. Pierrick found himself in Florida in his early teens, playing tennis a couple of hours a day.

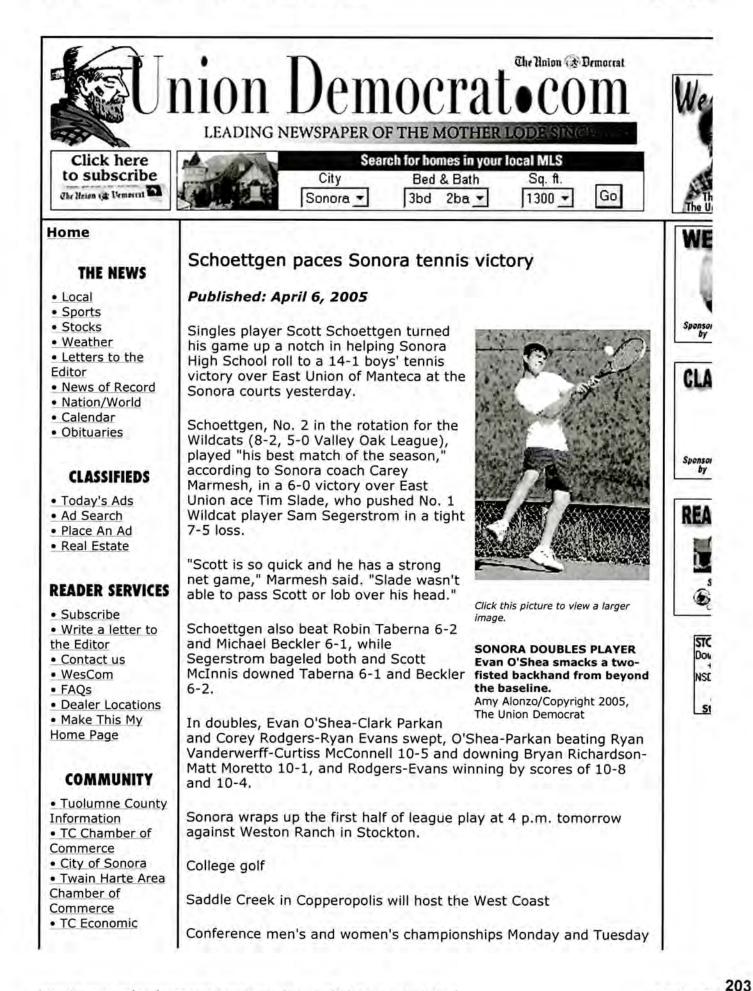
Arriving at USD, Ysern initially was more accomplished in the classroom than on the tennis courts. (He continues to maintain a 3plus grade-point average in business). His tennis has improved as he has learned to deal with his Gaellic temperament, according to Hagedorn.

His teammates at USD include three

South Africans, two Mexicans, a Norwegian, one other Frenchman (Nic Beuque of Gex, France, a transfer from Alabama) and one American. Not everybody believes that tennis in this country is enhanced by having colleges and universities invest their grants in foreign players.

"But I think it's good for tennis, overall," Ysern said. "The U.S. is the only country that allows players to go to college and play at the same time. If I had remained in France, I probably wouldn't have been able to play tennis."

And that wouldn't have been magnifique. Not for USD.



Development • TC Visitor's	of next week.
• Cal Chamber of Commerce	Pepperdine of Malibu will be going its seventh consecutive men's title led by senior
Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce	all-American Michael Put
Columbia Chamber of Commerce Historic Sonora	St. Mary's of Moraga, the University of San Francisco, Santa Clara, the University of San Diego, Loyola Marymount of Los Angeles, Portland and Gonzaga of Spokane, Wash.
Chamber of Commerce • Cal Economic Development	Sixth-ranked Pepperdine, USF, Santa Clara, Portland and Gonzaga will compete in the women's tournament.
• Cal Visitor's Bureau	Teams will play practice rounds Sunday, then tee it up for 36 holes Monday and 18 Tuesday.
INFORMATION	Saddle Creek assistant professional Tighe Hammam played at Gonzaga from 1996-98.
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Resources	Some late-game production wasn't enough for the Wildcats (5-5, 1-2 Valley Oak League) in an 8-3 loss to first-place Buhach Colony (11-3, 5-0) in Atwater.
	Joel Whitney hit a run-scoring double in the top of the sixth inning and Ryan Roberson cracked a two-run triple in the seventh. Buhach, the two-time defending VOL champion and the defending Division III section champion, had a 5-0 lead by the time Sonora scored.
	Senior Nathan McDowell got the pitching victory and freshman Markus Malgosa went 2-for-3 with a double for the Thunder.
	The game was played in Atwater because Sonora's Bev Barron Field was too wet from Monday's rain. Sonora coach Mike Silva said the Buhach grounds crew was watering the Thunder's fast-draining field when the Wildcats arrived.
	The starting time has been moved up so Sonora players can attend a ceremony tomorrow night announcing the installation of all-weather field turf on Dunlavy Field.
	Sophomores — The Wildkittens (7-2, 2-1) beat Buhach 18-7 after trailing 5-1 in the second inning. They blew the game open with an eight-run seventh. Ryan Williston went 4-for-4 with a double, a walk, three runs scored and two runs batted in; Ryles Richards
	went 3-for-4 with a home run, four runs and three RBIs; Willy Malone and Aaron Turner each had two hits and two runs; and Eric Bartgis had two hits. Bartgis, Josh Schultz and Richards did the pitching, with Richards getting the victory.
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LOCAL COLLEGES SDSU golfer shares third at MWC event

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San Diego State junior Josh Warthen shot an evenpar 72 yesterday and is tied for third place going into the final round of the Mountain West Conference Golf Championships at Sunriver (Ore.) Resort.

Warthen is four shots off the lead after two rounds. As a team, the Aztecs slipped from a first-round tie for second place to fourth.

Women's crew

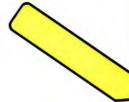
USD placed second at the West Coast Conference Women's Crew Championships at Lake Natoma near Folsom.

Joan O'Hara was named WCC Coach of the Year in her first season at USD.

Women's water polo

Defending national champion USC (22-3) beat No. 10-ranked SDSU (15-17) 9-5 in the quarterfinals of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament in Berkeley ... Tobi Lyman_ scored three goals as 17thranked UCSD (17-6) scored a 9-5 victory over Sonoma State (24-17) in the first round of the Western Water Polo Association Championships in Davis.





Women Rowers Advance Four Boats

Bulldogs seek WIRA titles in Sunday Grand Final

April 30, 2005

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. - Gonzaga University's women's rowing team won three hea advanced all four boats to Sunday's Grand Final of the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships at Lake Natoma in preliminary heats on Saturday.

The Bulldogs varsity 8+, junior varsity 8+ and novice 4+ all won heats, while the Bulldogs 4+ finished second in its heat to advance to Sunday's Grand Final.

The varsity 8+ Gonzaga took a 4-second victory over West Coast Conference foe University of San Diego, the Bulldogs finishing in 7:06.4 to the Toreros 7:10.4 Gonzaga will be pitted against Sacramento State University, Loyola Marymount University, Western Washington University, the University of Puget Sound and USD in the Grand Final.

The JV8+ claimed a 5-second victory over UPS, the Bulldogs crossing the line in 7:20.5 to the 7:25.7 of UPS. The Bulldogs will be joined in the Grand Final by Sacramento State, UC-Davis, San Diego State University, UPS and LMU.

Gonzaga's women advanced four boats to Sunday WIRA Grand Final.

The novice 4+ took a 10-second victory over UC-Santa Barbara, Gonzaga finishing in 7:47.5 to UCSB's 7:57.6. In addition to Gonzaga, Sunday's Grand Final will include Sac State, the University of California at San Diego, Saint Mary's College, UC-Santa Barbara and the University of California Lightweights.

The varsity 4+ finish was close, West Coast Conference rival SMC coming across in 7:37.0 to edge the Bulldogs who finished in 7:39.1. That put both WCC schools into the Grand Final where they will be challenged by Western Washington University, Seattle Pacific University, Long Beach State University and the University of Oregon.

"We rowed very well," Gonzaga head coach Glenn Putyrae said. "I felt we were in control. The varsity four was just a very competitive race."

As for the Bulldogs chances on Sunday, Putyrae said "we have as good a chance as anybody. I think we'll have to have a good race to win, but all the boats are very capable of that."

The varsity 8+ was comprised of junior coxswain Erin Palmiter (Kalispell, Mont.), junior stroke Kari Durgan (Vancouver, Wash.), senior Karen O'Hagan (Tucson, Ariz.), freshman Cory Nelson (Reno, Nev.), sophomore Jessica Kocarnik (Portland, Ore.), freshman Stephanie Murphy (Puyallup, Wash.), freshman Courtney Haia (Waimanlo, Hawaii), junior Sarah Allison (Highland Ranch, Colo.) and sophomore bow Nicole Aadland-Lewis (Bothell, Wash.).

The JV8+ boat seated freshman coxswain Joan Aubry (Olympia, Wash.), junior stroke Jenni Cooper (Seattle, Wash.), senior Carolyn Schepper (Sammamish, Wash.), sophomore Teresa Archuleta (Altadena, Calif.), sophomore Heather Jewell (Oak Harbor, Wash.), freshman Grace Wallace (Jackson Hole, Wyo.), freshman Kelsey Koenig (Everett, Wash.), junior Mariah Smith-Miloff (Billings, Mont.) and freshman bow Kathryn Kocarnik (Portland, Ore.).

Rowing in the varsity 4+ were sophomore coxswain Mimi Refuerzo (Vancouver, Wash.), sophomore stroke Liz Sambach (Scottsdale, Ariz.), junior Cherami Cadwell (Richland, Wash.), freshman Kelsey Raap (Cheyenne, Wyo.) and senior bow Brittany Price (Lake Oswego, Ore.)

The novice 4+ was made up of coxswain Aubry, freshman stroke Whitney Patrick (Spokane), freshman Julie Smetana (Lansford, Md.), freshman Sara Amatuzio (Englewood, Colo.) and freshman bow Jennifer Pierce (Anchorage, Alaska).

For complete race results visit the web at http://www.row2k.com.

WIRA Championship Women's Results

Women Varsity 8+ - 1. Gonzaga 7:06.4. 2. San Diego 7:10.4. 3. UC-Davis 7:10.5. 4. UC-Irvine 7:28.9. 5. Humboldt State



7:32.3. 6. UC-San Diego 7:42.0

Women's Junior Varsity 8+ - 1. Gonzaga 7:20.5. 2. Puget Sound 7:25.7. 3, Loyola Marymount 7:26.9. 4. San Diego 7:38.9. 5. Lewis-Clark College 7:42.9. 6. Humboldt State 7:55.5.

Varsity 4+ - 1. Saint Mary's 7:37.0. 2. Gonzaga 7:39.1. 3. Orange Coast 7:54.8. 4. Santa Clara 7:58.7. 5. UC-Santa Barbara 8:20.0. 6. Lewis-Clark College 8:29.3. 7. Evergreen State College 8:51.4.

Women's Varsity 4+ - 1. Gonzaga 7:47.5. 2. UC-Santa Barbara 7:57.6. 3. Pacific Lutheran 8:10.0. 4. Portland 8:21.9. 5. Sonoma State 8:57.9.

Nine Is Fine For Bulldog Women

Gonzaga captures ninth straight WCC rowing title

April 29, 2005

LAKE NATOMA, Calif. - Nine For Five.

That was the slogan for the Gonzan straight West Coast Conference

Friday the dream was realized capture a WCC women's row

oversity women's rowing team as they sought a ninth

Bulldogs swept all three races to remain the only school to since its inception in 1997.

The I-Eight finished in 6:561 to beat the University of San Diego which crossed the line in 7:02.3, the Bulldogs winner their eighth I-Eight race in nine years. The II-Eight captured a 5-second win over Loyola and the nonstructure in the Bulldogs winning in 7:07.5 for their sixth straight victory while the nons were timed in 7:12.3. The I-Four, second a year ago, took a 9-second victory over USD in 7:51.6 to the Toreros' 8:03.1.

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Gonzaga's women's rowing team won a ninth straight WCC crown on Friday.

The I-Eight was comprised of junior coxswain Erin Palmiter (Kalispell, Mont.), junior stroke Kari Durgan (Vancouver, Wash.), senior Karen O'Hagan (Tucson, Ariz.), freshman Cory Nelson (Reno, Nev.), sophomore Jessica Kocarnik (Portland, Ore.), freshman Stephanie Murphy (Puyallup, Wash.), freshman Courtney Haia (Waimanlo, Hawaii), junior Sarah Allison (Highland Ranch, Colo.) and sophomore bow Nicole Aadland-Lewis (Bothell, Wash.).

The II-Eight boat seated freshman coxswain Joan Aubry (Olympia, Wash.), junior stroke Jenni Cooper (Seattle, Wash.), senior Carolyn Schepper (Sammamish, Wash.), sophomore Teresa Archuleta (Altadena, Calif.), sophomore Heather Jewell (Oak Harbor, Wash.), freshman Grace Wallace (Jackson Hole, Wyo.), freshman Kelsey Koenig (Everett, Wash.), junior Mariah Smith-Miloff (Billings, Mont.) and freshman bow Kathryn Kocarnik (Portland, Ore.).

Rowing in the I-Four were sophomore coxswain Mimi Refuerzo (Vancouver, Wash.), sophomore stroke Liz Sambach (Scottsdale, Ariz.), junior Cherami Cadwell (Richland, Wash.), freshman Kelsey Raap (Cheyenne, Wyo.) and senior bow Brittany Price (Lake Oswego, Ore.).

The Bulldogs scored a perfect 30 points (15 points for the I-Eight race, 10 for the II-Eight and 5 for the I-Four). USD finished second with 22 points, followed by LMU 20 and Santa Clara University and Saint Mary's College with 8 each. SMC did not race a JV8+ boat.

"The foundation for this title began a year ago," Gonzaga head coach Glenn Putyrae said. "We only won one of the three races last year. They worked really, really hard to be able to do what they did today. All the credit goes to them. It's getting more and more challenging to keep it going. It's not getting any easier. We're just lucky at Gonzaga that we have exceptional student-athletes."

Gonzaga edged LMU 26-25 for the title last year, the closest finish since the current scoring system was devised in 1999.

Putyrae said a slight headwind might have helped his team this year.

"I knew it would be about a boat length (coming into the races). I believed there would be three boats in contact. There was a decent headwind in second half of race that worked to our advantage because I think we have more power and they were able to use it in the headwinds. It might have been a different result if it were rowed under different conditions," Putyrae said.

The Bulldogs were rewarded for their championship by landing three members on the All-WCC team in O'Hagan, Durgan and Allison. San Diego also placed three members on the all-conference team in Jacquelin Harris, Christy Baker, and coxswain Alicia Cresap. Rounding out the all-conference team were Loyola Marymount's Vanessa Glendenning, SMC's Lindsay Juricich, and Santa Clara's Laura Hellenthal. San Diego's Joan O'Hara was named Coach of the Year in her first season as head coach of the Toreros.

Putyrae said his three selections were all deserving of the recognition.

"O'Hagan is the team captain has done a good job of creating a supportive atmosphere, which is a hard job in a sport that tends to break itself out into boats. She got everybody working together. She's the best she's been in her career," Putyrae said. "Durgan has done it with pain and takes a lot of responsibility for how the boat goes. She worked hard to put something together to keep everybody focused in a boat that included three freshmen and three novices. Alison was in the varsity four last year and really has taken her rowing to another level this year. She's always been a good athlete but this year rededicated herself to move up. She went from someone not in JV boat to someone who was very solid in the varsity boat. She put a ton of work in over the summer and has not looked back since the first practice."

The Bulldogs will return to the water Saturday and Sunday at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship also on Lake Natoma. Gonzaga will race a novice 4+ in addition to the three boats entered in the WCC championships. Racing begins both days at 8 a.m.

2005 West Coast Conference Women's Rowing Championship

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	. Gonzaga	30 point	s		
	. San Diego	22 point			
	. Loyola Marymount	20 point			
	. Santa Clara	8 point			
	Saint Mary's	8 point	s		
I	-Eight				
1	. Gonzaga	6:58.3	15	points	
2	. San Diego	7:02.3	12	points	
3	. Loyola Marymount	7:03.3	9	points	
4	. Saint Mary's	7:25.2	6	points	
5	. Santa Clara	7:31.0	3	points	
I	I-Eight				
1	. Gonzaga	7:07.5	10	points	
2	. Loyola Marymount	7:12.3	8	points	
3	. San Diego	7:21.9	6	points	
4	. Santa Clara	7:42.1	4	points	
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2005 All-West Coast Conference Women's Rowing Team

Karen O'Hagan, Gonzaga Kari Durgan, Gonzaga Sarah Allison, Gonzaga Jacquelin Harris, San Diego Christy Baker, San Diego Vanessa Glendenning, Loyola Marymount Lindsay Juricich, Saint Mary's Laura Hellenthal, Santa Clara Coxswain - Alicia Cresap, San Diego

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UC Davis Varsity Eight In Cal Cup Grand Final At Crew Classic

Novice eight earns berth in petite final

April 3, 2005

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - UC Davis' women's varsity eight rowers finished second in their heat of the Cal Cup on Saturday morning and will compete on Sunday afternoon in the grand final at the San Diego Crew Classic at Mision Bay.

The Aggies' novice eight was fourth in their elimination heat of their division and will race in the petite final on Sunday morning.

UC Davis' varsity eight crossed the finish line of the 2,000-meter race in 7 minutes, 3.06 seconds to earn a spot in Sunday's championship race. Central Florida won the Aggies' heat in 6:58.90 while Trinity was third in 7:07.25.

The Aggies covered the first 500 meters of Saturday's race in 1:41.90 and trailed Central A by just over a second but the Golden Knights extended their lead to just over three seconds midway and maintained that advantage over the final 1,000 meters. UC Santa Barbara was halfway through the race before Trinity overcame the Gauchos the rest of the way.



UC Davis is in the Cal Cup grand final on Sunday afternoon.

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UC Davis will compete in Sunday's grand final - scheduled for 1:30 p.m. - against Sacramento Diego State, Kansas State and Miami.

The novice eight was in fifth place of their elimination heat after the opening piece and trailed the University of San Diego by a second and a half for fourth place heading into the final 500 meters before a final rally gave the Aggles a slim margin for fourth.

The Aggies were timed in 7:24.45 while San Diego crossed in 7:25.21. Texas won the race in 7:11.27 and was followed by Washington State and Sacramento State. UC Davis will race in the petite final on Sunday morning at 8:15.

The San Diego Crew Classic is one of the largest regattas in the country.

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CAL CUP (varsity eight, heat 1) - 1. Central Florida, 6:58.90; 2. UC Davis, 7:03.06; 3. Trinity, 7:07.25; 4. UC Santa Barbara, 7:08.77; 5. West Virginia, 7:08.95; 6. Chapman, 7:59.83.

NOVICE EIGHT (heat 3) - 1. Texas, 7:11.27; 2. Washington State, 7:15.11; 3. Sacramento State, 7:18.02; 4. UC Davis, 7:24.45; 5. San Diego, 7:25.21; 6. UC Irvine, 7:36.51; 7. Claremont, 8:08.18.



Kerr, a junior, also learned of the possibility at a similar orientation.

"When I came to college, I still wanted to be athletic," said Kerr, who rows stroke, a seat in the back of the boat. "At the orientation for freshmen, they had a big booth and they had a boat out there. They said that they took walk-ons, so I got really excited because I knew I could compete in something in college."

Eagleson's initial impressions were that the sport was "awesome" and "looks easy." The sophomore who rows bow ---- the part of the boat that first crosses the finish line ---- would eventually learn the sport was harder than it looked.

All three also had to adjust to the pitch-dark sounds of early-morning alarm clocks.

"You get used to it, and the mornings are so worth it to wake up," Cavanagh said. "It's also a good thing because there's no traffic at 4:30 in the morning."

The transition from individual sport standout to participant in a grueling team sport didn't come across as odd to Eagleson, who once showed up to an Escondido homecoming dance sporting a dress made of duct tape.

"I had played tennis since I was 5 and I thought that rowing would be an excellent change of scenery," said Eagleson, who also competed in soccer and track. "I wanted to try something new, and this was my new thing. I enjoy it a lot."

Escondido's Adora Salvati was part of the San Diego State JV boat that finished fifth in its morning heat in 7:13.59. The Aztecs were part of the same afternoon consolation heat as USD and won that race in 7:12.90.

NOTES ---- Stanford's time of 5:57.63 was the best in preliminary heats for the Copley Cup, the premier men's race of the Crew Classic. Defending champion California was next at 6:00.01. Navy (6:03.97), Northeastern (6:06.80), Penn (6:10.70) and North Carolina (6:15.76) also qualified for today's 2:10 p.m. final. ... In the women's Jessop-Whittier Cup, defending champion Cal (6:46.5) led the way. Also qualifying for today's 1:50 p.m. final were Stanford (6:53.00), UCLA (6:54.42), USC (6:55.08), Tennessee (6:55.38) and Texas (6:55.82). Former San Dieguito Academy volleyball player Kelsey Hicks is part of UCLA's crew. ... San Diego State's varsity boat advanced to today's women's Cal Cup finals with a time of 7:01.5. ... The Marin Rowing Association boat that advanced to today's women's junior finals with a second-place heat finish of 7:01.19 includes Laura Schaffer, the 16-year-old granddaughter of former Ramona boys basketball coach Al Schaffer. Laura Schaffer is a junior at Branson High in Marin County.

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McKillip's team-first commitment stood out even during her call to Zebroski from the hospital. She was informing her coach what had occurred and was already talking about her post-operation game plan when Zebroski cautioned her to worry about her own health first and foremost.

The whole experience is one that has left McKillip feeling mighty fortunate.

"Everyone faces different challenges in their life, and it's something that you have to overcome," McKillip said. "And yeah, I am very lucky to have been able to come back to the team so quickly and to have everybody on the team be so supportive."

NOTES ---- The University of California men's program is looking for its seventh consecutive Copley Cup title and the Cal women are seeking their third consecutive Jessop-Whittier Cup trophy in this weekend's Crew Classic. The Golden Bears' odds of third straight sweep of the premier races are high, especially with Washington, one of the traditional powers of the Crew Classic, not competing this year. ... The University of San Diego women's junior varsity boat features three North County products: sophomore coxswain Jessi Cavanagh (San Dieguito Academy), sophomore bow Lucy Eagleson (Escondido) and junior stroke Katie Kerr (La Costa Canyon). "That boat is undefeated in three races this year," Toreros coach Joan O'Hara said. USD's heat in the women's JV race begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. ... Escondido's Adora Salvati will be competing in San Diego State's junior varsity boat. The Aztecs' heat is at 10:20 a.m. Katie Heisinger of Temecula is part of the San Diego State varsity boat competing for the Cal Cup. The Aztecs also have entries in the lightweight and novice events.

Crew Classic

WHAT: 32th annual San Diego Crew Classic

WHEN: 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Crown Point Shores on west side of Mission Bay.

TICKETS: \$7 daily for ages 13 and older or \$10 for both days.

HIGHLIGHTS: Jessop-Whittier Cup for women and Copley Cup for men. The Jessop-Whittier final is scheduled for 1:50 p.m. on Sunday. The Copley final follows at 2:10.

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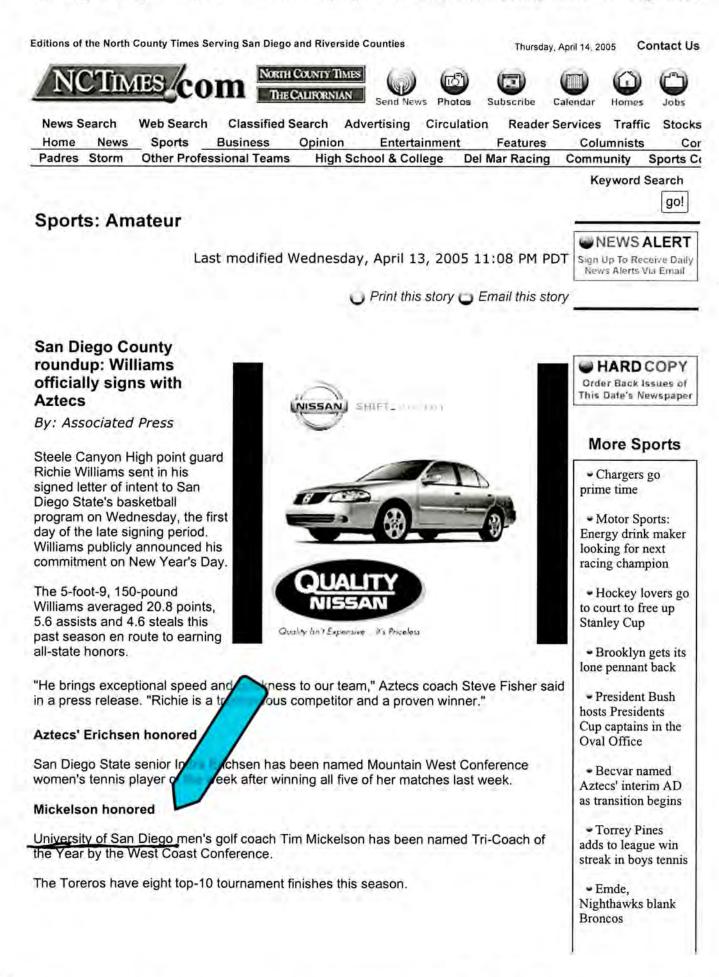
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USD volleyball looks to ace another season

By Nicole Vargas STAFF WRITER

With a 24-5 record and a trip to the Sweet 16, the USD women's volleyball team proved it could play with the best teams in the nation last fall.

Now, the Toreros want to stay there.

"We have the same expectations, the same desires and we're capable of playing at the same elite level," USD head coach Jennifer Petrie said. "Now we want to do it with different kids."

The Toreros showed they have the potential to fulfill those goals yesterday at the USD Spring Fling, USD's second spring tournament of the year at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Gone to graduation are All-Americans Devon Forster and Kristen Hurst, the longtime faces of the USD program. The two were instrumental in the rise of the Toreros over the last few seasons.

In their place, though, is a solid crop led by a new trio of rising seniors — liberos Jackie Bernardin and Monica Peterson and setter Lindsay Sherburne.

"This is a great experience for us," Bernardin said. "Getting the underclassmen ready to play is huge, and it's a good opportunity for everyone to show what they have."

USD, ranked as high as No. 11 last fall, finished the day 1-2 against the tournament's three other Top 25 programs, winning against Arizona — which finished the 2004 season ranked No. 22 — but falling to No. 24 Missouri and No. 21 UC Santa Barbara.

Not an ideal ending, but wins and losses are not the focus in the spring.

"We look at it as a time for growth," Petrie said.

For that reason, Petrie substituted liberally, giving all of her available players ample time on the court. She also experimented with her rotation, moving players to different positions to see what worked and what didn't.

And record aside, Petrie said she saw plenty of positives.

"At times, we were playing at the same level as in the fall," she said.



Top soccer action lands in Temecula

12:30 AM PST on Friday, April 1, 2005

By LYLE SPENCER / The Press-Enterprise

TEMECULA - The CollegeClassic, an early-season soccerfest, begins its two-weekend run on Saturday at the John Blanche Soccer Complex on the northern edge of Temecula with men's teams kicking off the nonstop action.

In its third year, the CollegeClassic has grown from eight teams to 100 last year to about 200 this year, according to organizer Greg Morales.

"With the range of competition," Morales said, "it is shaping up to be one of the best soccer events in the country."

Fueling the local economy, approximately 1,000 hotel rooms have been reserved for soccer players, coaches and officials. Pechanga Resort & is the hub of activity.

Among the college programs on display this weekend are To powerhouses UC Santa Barbara, New Mexico, Santa Clar Northridge and University of San Francisco.

Top women's programs from UCLA, University of San Diego, Pepperdine, New Mexico, Wyoming and UC Santa Barbara will play April 9 and 10.



Also competing are UC Riverside, UC Irvine, the Air Force Academy, Cal State San Bernardino, University of Redlands, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State Fullerton, San Diego State, San Diego, Loyola Marymount and Cal State Dominguez Hills, which won the Division II championship two years ago.

Premier club talent from Hawaii, Colorado, New



National Soccer Hall of Fame player Paul Caligiuri will speak at CollegeClassic, an early-season soccerfest.

Mexico, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, Canada, and Southern California, will try to leave impressions on college recruiters taking the opportunity to assess prospects in top-flight competition.

Among the speakers at the event sponsored by adidas and Toyota will be Escondido's Shannon MacMillan, an Olympic gold medalist and World Cup champion with the U.S. national team, and Cal Poly Pomona head coach and

former national team star Paul Caligiuri.

On Saturday, UC Santa Barbara faces New Mexico at noon and is due back at 4 p.m. to play Air Force Academy.

UC Riverside is scheduled twice for Sunday, meeting San Diego at 10:30 a.m. and Loyola Marymount at 2:30 p.m.

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USD FOOTBALL STAFF TO HOST THREE CAMPS IN JUNE

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April 12, 2005

USD head football coach Jim Harbaugh and his staff will be busy during the month of June as they provide a variety of camps for kids and coaches alike. Harbaugh, who had an outstanding 15-year career as an NFL quarterback, is coming off of his first year at USD where he directed the Toreros to an overall record of 7-4.

On June 18th the Torero staff will host the 'One Day Skills Camp' for kids in grades 9-12 (as of Fall 2005). Campers at all positions will have the opportunity to be coached and evaluated by members of the USD coaching staff. Torero coaches will provide instruction that will enhance each camper's individual skills and techniques. Cost is \$50 and registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Jim Harbaugh/University of San Diego football camp will run from June 20-23 on the campus of Alliant University in nearby Scripps Ranch. This camp is for kids from elementary school through high school. Camp tuition is \$550 for overnight campers and \$350 for day campers. Day campers will go from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 pm.

The Torero staff will close out the month of June with the Jim Harbaugh Shootout, a 7-on-7 passing camp for high school teams on June 25th. Teams from all over the state will be exposed to the University of San Diego passing game and compete in an entire day of football. Cost per team is \$300. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Jenny Craig Pavilion and the camp will conclude at 6:00 pm.

For more information, contact Tim Drevno at 619.260.2244 or email him at tdrevno@SanDiego.edu.

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NFL prospects going to school on the draft

Agent Bechta has 20 years' experience

By Kevin Acee STAFF WRITER

Jack Bechta gets right to the point once his clients are seated on the couch in his living room.

He tells Heath Farwell and Todd Mortensen the facts: There were 266 players selected in the NFL draft last year. And after the draft concluded, NFL teams signed 534 undrafted free agents.

'Wow! I didn't know it was that way," Mortensen exclaims.

Before the arrival of Mortensen, USD's record-setting quarterback, and Farwell, a linebacker out of San Diego State, Bechta had my This is like a whole secre the NFL no one pays at ing, the beam-Tomor

in New York and people Jav ion switch off ESPN2, aroun y begins. Scouts, coathe feed ches, per directors and even general managers start dialing college kids they didn't draft and try to convince them they want them now.

In a matter of two hours, 32 teams will sign more than 500 players.

Most teams are left with 15 or more roster spots to fill. Often, it is simply a matter of having enough bodies to give the regulars rest during training camp. But a good number of undrafted free agents make NFL rosters each year.

Of the 53 players on the Chargers roster at the end of last season, 15 entered the NFL as undrafted free agents, including Pro Bowl tight end Antonio Gates.

Bechta has a passion for finding good fits for undrafted free agents. Representing such a player is how he got into being an agent back in 1986. He has six draft-eligible clients this year. He is fairly certain four of them will be drafted and perhaps as many as five, but he is preparing as if four of them will be undrafted free agents.

It is a system he navigates well. Of the past 15 undrafted rookies he has represented, 10 have made seasonopening rosters.

"So we're doing something right," Bechta said. "We're placing guys on the right teams.'

That is the key

This week Bechta and his staff explained to Farwell and Mortensen the process for this Sunday, when they will either be late-round draft picks or. get courted by teams as free agents.



Agent Jack Bechta discusses the scenarios, strategies of an NFL draft choice or undrafted free agent. Sean M. Haffey/ Union-Tribune

ing faces of first-round draft choices will be all over television and the Internet. Sunday's newspapers will introduce fans to the celebrated new members of NFL teams. Even through Sunday's

seventh round, every pick will be documented and dissected.

But after the final name is called and the lights go out at the

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"I hope you don't have to go through it," Bechta tells the players.

He hopes they get drafted. The average signing bonus for an undrafted free agent last year was about \$3,000. The average signing bonus for a seventh-round pick was almost \$34,000. A sixth-round pick could expect around \$70,000.

"But if you do" have to catch on as a free agent, Bechta assures them, "it's going to be fun. You're going to get an opportunity, whether you were picked in the sixth or seventh round or as a free agent. After you sign the contract, you're going to forget all about the process, I promise you that."

Teams bring 80 players to training camp. But the way Bechta figures it, the reality is that 76 guys are competing for 66 spots.

A team must cut to 53 players on the roster before the season's first game. It will place eight more players on the practice squad. Bechta says it can be presumed about five players will get hurt in camp and put on injured reserve. That's where he gets the 66 that will make a team in some capacity. He

gets the 76 by looking at the fact a team brings two extra quarterbacks, an extra punter and extra kicker to camp simply to take reps.

"When all the dust settles there are only 10 or 15 guys cut and out of a job per team," Bechta said. "If you're one of 80 guys (invited to camp), you've got a hell of a chance to make a team."

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At Bechta's request, Mortensen gives a loose ranking of the teams he thinks are most interested in him, based on calls he has received. Bechta then asks his intern, USD law student Joe Fortenbaugh, to fill them in on which teams would be the best fit based on the number of undrafted free agents they have retained over the past two years and the numbers each team has at Mortensen's position. Some of Fortenbaugh's research agrees with Mortensen's assessments, some does not. Bechta then gives his ranking of a half-dozen teams he thinks are the best fit at this point, based on conversations with scouts and coaches, the teams' quarterback situations, the stability and philosophy of the coaching staff and type of offense.

They repeat the process with Farwell, looking at special-teams opportunities and types of defenses.

He repeatedly tells both players the short lists could change, based on transactions in the next few days and picks the teams make in the draft.

Teams will begin calling Bechta and the players during the sixth round, perhaps to sincerely inform them they plan to draft them or perhaps to sell the players on their interest.

Said Bechta: "They're going to say to you, 'Heath, this is (coach so and so) from (such and such team). We've got one pick left. We're going to try to take you. If we don't, we want you as a free agent.'

"Your response is going to be: 'Call my agent. I'm leaving that up to him. I really appreciate the consideration, but he's handling all that. Do you have his number?' "

Bechta does not want Farwell or Mortensen to get caught up in the emotion. It will be important to make sure the team really wants the player, needs him. Bechta will be better able to gauge their sincerity. It is not about the signing bonus, it is about getting with a team that might need someone to contribute, not just a body.

The calls will come often. Ultimately it will be up to the player. But Bechta will be there to sift through the information.

"Why we have to move quickly is a team could call and call and then an hour goes by and they don't hear from us and they don't think they're going to get you and they move on to the next guy," Bechta tells his clients. "We want to take our time and make the right decision, but we want to make sure that opportunity doesn't disappear. That's why we're doing this now, so we're prepared."

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Hagerman recognized in national scholarship competition

By Kenny Kraft

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Washington and Lee Women's tennis star Lindsay Hagerman was awarded the first runner-up spot for the NCAA-based Walter Byers scholarship. In the midst of recent preparation for the NCAA tournament, Hagerman found out she won the grant last Tuesday, April 19th.

The Watson Byers Scholarship Award is a prestigious endowment given to two NCAA athletes each year. The scholarship, which is named after the former NCAA executive directory, gives the two students a healthy donation for them to study a specific field in a post-graduate setting. As the first runner-up, Hagerman will receive \$7,500 towards a graduate school of her choice.

Each year the NCAA receives piles and piles of student-athlete applitions for the Watson Byers Scholarship. In order to apply, the athlete must show leadership, a strong charter and at least a 3.5 gpa. The applicant must also show how playing his or her respective sport has influence. The on and off the field and has helped his or her intellectual college experience.

The scholarship is awarded to those students who show that t important roles in the rest of their lives. After the initial apply recommendation, Hagerman was selected as a finalist for the ollege athletic experiences will play process and four letters of olarship.

Only six student athletes are selected as finalists, and they must endure an intense interview before the scholarship is awarded. Three of them, James Davis from Rice University, Matthew Gunn for the University of Arkansas, and Todd Mortensen from the University of San Diego, were male while three were female: Sarah Dance from Truman State University, Jemique McCalley from the University of Tennessee, and Hagerman.

After preparing for her interview with Senior Assistant Athletic Director Chuck O'Connell and Chemistry Professor Dr. Michael Pleva, Hagerman flew to San Antonio on the Sunday after spring break for her interview. On Tuesday, the day after the interview, Hagerman received a call from the scholarship committee saying that she had received the first runner-up position and would get an endowment for post-graduate study.

With the scholarship, Hagerman plans to attend graduate school in hopes of one day becoming a teacher. Though she has not decided where she will be in the fall, Hagerman does plan to study history.

Hagerman has been very grateful to be able to play tennis with such great teammates, coaches, and fans. "I believe that I have learned just as much on the tennis court in the last four years as I have in the classroom" said Hagerman. "I am so grateful for the relationships I have developed".

"It's unfortunate that while players like myself get a lot of attention, many people work tirelessly to support athletes and do not get enough recognition. For example, people like Boyd Horne, Carolyn Mayo, and the equipment room staff all work behind the scenes for all student-athletes."

Not only is Hagerman excited about her recent scholarship victory, she is also very excited to have her team win the ODAC championships last weekend. Hagerman was named the ODAC Player of the Year and the ODAC scholar-athlete of the year immediately following the tournament.

The whole team is very energized about likely having home-court advantage for the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament and maybe even winning it all. "This year has been amazing as far as tennis goes. As a team, we are in the best position we've been in during my four years here to win the National Championship this May," said Hagerman.

Hagerman, a senior, has played tennis at W&L for four years. She has been named an All-American in each of the past three years and hopes to do the same in this, her final season. Along with her high school teammate Lora Farris, Hagerman is the co-captain of this year's team.

Lindsay Hagerman will be back in action along with the W&L Women's team on May 7th in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.



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Six from Fallbrook honored at Salute to the Champions banquet

Joe Naiman Village News Correspondent

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Six athletes from Fallbrook were honored by the San Diego Hall of Champions at the 59th annual Salute to the Champions banquet February 22 in San Diego.

Water polo player Holly Hartzell earned an Amateur Star of the Month award for April, golfer Kenny Adams earned a Prep Star of the Month award for May, Lindsay Kanewischer's lacrosse achievements and Jana Rempalski's water polo feats earned them Amateur Star of the Month awards for May, football running back Evan Harney earned an Amateur Star of the Month award for October, and football quarterback Derek Shaw earned a Prep Star of the Month award for December.

Hartzell, a 2000 Fallbrook High School graduate, played collegiate water polo for San Diego State University for four years. In 2004, her senior collegiate season, the Aztecs compiled a 26-9 record for the secondhighest win total in program history. Hartzell led the Aztecs with 57 goals and 55 steals, posted the team's highest shooting percentage at .456, and drew 109 ejections for more than half the team total. She earned firstteam all-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation honors, giving her allconference honors for all four years, and she was one of four finalists for the Peter J. Cutino Award given annually to the most outstanding female collegiate water polo player in the nation. Subsequent to her April achievements she would also earn first-team All-American honors.

The Star of the Month was the fourth for Hartzell, as was the banquet. "It was nice. I had a good time," she said. "I know it's my last one since I don't play any more, so I took it all in."

Hartzell graduated from San Diego State in Summer 2004 and is working on her teaching credential. She hopes to coach water polo in the future.

While the February 2005 banquet might be Hartzell's last as an award recipient, she might return in the future as a family member. Her 12-yearold sister, Haley, continues the family water polo tradition. "I'm sure she'll be a force to be reckoned with," Holly Hartzell said of her younger sister.

If Haley Hartzell is honored by the Hall of Champions in the future, Holly Hartzell pledges a return. "I'll be there to cheer her on," Holly Hartzell said.

Adams was a senior at Fallbrook High School in May 2004 when he won the CIF San Diego Section individual golf championship by two strokes with a 36-hole score of 139. He shot a 67, or five under par, in the opening round May 18 at Warner Springs Ranch and followed that round with a score of 71, or one over par, at the Pauma Valley Country Club nine days later.

"It was pretty exciting," Adams said of the banquet.



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The award was the first for Adams, and the banquet included a larger crowd than Adams expected. Adams also did not realize that closed-circuit television would include having cameras on him when he accepted the award and that the audience's attention would be on him for a brief moment. "It was pretty exciting to have that experience," he said. In addition to the professional, amateur, and prep stars of the month, the Salute to the Champions banquet also honors the professional, amateur, and disabled stars of the year and the inductees into the Breitbard Hall of Fame. This year's four inductees to the Breitbard Hall of Fame included golfer Scott Simpson, and the six professional Stars of the Year included Padres second baseman Mark Loretta.

"I had a great time going down there and seeing Scott Simpson inducted into the Hall of Fame and Mark Loretta down there," Adams said. "It was fun being in the same room as those guys."

Adams had played baseball before high school, but he switched to golf as a freshman as he believed he was too small to be successful in baseball. Adams is currently on the college golf team of Cal State University San Marcos. Kanewischer played lacrosse collegiately for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. During her four seasons the Mustangs won the Women's US Intercollegiate Associates National Championship four times. As a senior Kanewischer was named a first-team All-American and National Player of the Year. "It was just an honor to walk up on the stage," Kanewischer said.

The Star of the Month honor and the banquet were the first for Kanewischer. "I absolutely had no idea what to expect," she said. "They gave us those giant plaques."

Kanewischer was seated at the same table as 1997 Breitbard Hall of Fame inductee Earl Faison, who played for the American Football League's San Diego Chargers in the 1960s. "It's been quite the experience," Kanewischer said.

Kanewischer, Rempalski, and Hartzell all graduated from Fallbrook High School in 2000, while Harney graduated in 2001. "The greatest part was there were six of us from Fallbrook," Kanewischer said.

Kanewischer's other highlights at the banquet included walking by Loretta and standing by master of ceremonies and well-known sports announcer Dick Enberg. Kanewischer, who will graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in June 2005, also noted that in the future she will be able to visit the Hall of Champions and view her recognition among the historical stars of the month.

"It was a great way to end my collegiate lacrosse career," Kanewischer said. Rempalski followed her Fallbrook High School water polo career with four years at the University of Redlands. In May she was part of the Redlands team which won the NCAA Division III national championship, and she was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after scoring 11 goals and adding five assists, ten steals, and seven ejections drawn. During her senior season she scored 52 goals and had 20 assists, 59 steals, and 33 ejections drawn.

The honor and banquet were the first for Rempalski, who also underestimated the magnitude of the banquet. "I didn't even know that I was going to get up on stage," she said. "What a big deal it was."

Rempalski noted that the honor meant a sense of accomplishment. "I feel very special and honored," she said.

"I never thought that it was that big a deal," she said. "Now I can see how unique my experience has been."

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Rempalski is currently a graduate student at Syracuse University, where she is pursuing a Master's degree in higher education. "It was really cool to come back to San Diego," she said.

She flew to San Diego for the event. "I was on the fence about whether or not I was going to come," she said.

Although Rempalski was concerned about her class schedule and her job as a resident director at one of the Syracuse University residence halls, her mother convinced her to return to San Diego for the awards ceremony. "I'm glad that I listened to her," Rempalski said. "I realized that it was a much bigger deal."

Rempalski and Kanewischer were pen pals in elementary school. "I hadn't seen her since high school," Rempalski said. "To be honored in the same month with her was really cool." Rempalski and Hartzell both played club water polo with the Shores team. Their Shores teammates included Moriah Van Norman, a University High School graduate who earned the Peter J. Cutino award as the top collegiate water polo player and one of the 2004 Amateur Star of the Year honors for her season at the University of Southern California as well as a May 2004 Amateur Star of the Month award, and Brittany Russell, a La Jolla High School graduate who also earned May 2004 Amateur Star of the University of the Month status for her water polo efforts at the University of California Davis.

"It's kind of nice to hear all the great things that my club teammates have accomplished," Rempalski said.

The five Amateur Star of the Year honors went to Von Norman, tennis player Amber Liu, and three college football players. The six Professional Star of the Year awards honored two runners, one golfer, one Chargers football player, one stock car racer, and Loretta. The four Breitbard Hall of Champions inductees were Simpson, two former Chargers, and sailing's Joe Jessop. Amputee triathlete Sarah Reinertsen earned the Disabled Star of the Year recognition.

"It's really nice to know that San Diego is so supportiv many different levels," Rempalski said. Tetes on so It was definitely

"It was just awesome," Rempalski said of being a high note of my career."

Although Rempalski is now coaching club way to at Syracuse, the NCAA Division III championship and the away ended her playing career on a high note. "This was just another positive reminder of that," she said. Harney, a junior at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, was recognized for his October 23 performance against Davidson. Although Harney gained only 89 yards in that game, he was rested early in the second quarter after scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter. Harney had carried the ball 18 times during his limited playing time. His third touchdown of the quarter gave him 33 career touchdowns over two seasons, setting a USD career record for total touchdowns. USD won that game by a 56-0 score, and Harney earned Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance in the Davidson game.

"I just thought it was really an incredible event," Harney said. "It was an amazing experience to get to see all those athletes." Harney was also making his first banquet appearance after receiving his first award. "I really enjoyed it, so it would be great to get invited back again," he said. Harney was also happy that six Fallbrook athletes were honored. "It was pretty cool to get to see some old faces," he said. Shaw, who attended three Fallbrook Union Elementary School District schools and currently attends Oceanside High School, quarterbacked the Pirates to the CIF Division II football championship. He also earned a berth on the all-CIF Boston Herald Dally News Tribune

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Levine headed for U of San Die

By Special To The Crier Thursday, April 7, 2005

Aaron Levine signed a letter of intent to play football for Division 1AA University of San Diego on February I, 2005.

Levine, a 6-3, 255-pound Weston High School team captain, middle linebacker and offensive tackle was recruited to play defensive line for the Toreros. Levine is the first New England recruit by head coach Jim Harbaugh.

Levine was also recruited by Dartmouth, Colgate, Columbia, Amherst, Trinity and Bentley.

The University of San Diego is a private Catholic institution with over 7,000 enrolled students, and is located on a mesa of 180 acres overlooking the city of San Diego, Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Recognized in the top 100 universities in the nation, USD offers more than 60 bachelors, masters, and doctoral programs of study.

Harbaugh played 15 seasons as a quarterback in the NFL for the Chicago Bears, Indianapolis Colts, and ended his career with the San Diego Chargers. He is a former offensive MVP and Comeback Player of the Year with the 1995 Colts.

Harbaugh took over at University of San Diego in January 2004 after having completed his second year as quarterbacks coach of the Oakland Raiders.

USD plays football in the Pioneer League with out of conference games with Yale and Princeton in 2005.

Athlete's Edge in Acton is Levine's training facility. He credits much of his speed and agility improvement as well as overall strength to training programs they made for him. The defensive lineman boasts a 350-plus pound bench press, a 500-plus pound squat and a 4.81 second 40-yard dash.

His most notable change is in weight in order to prepare himself to make the transition from linebacker to defensive line; he has put on over 20 pounds since the end of the season.

When Levine was asked why he chose the University of San Diego he had quite a few reasons "Before I made my official visit in December I was skeptical because of how far away it was, but I had also never been to San Diego before," he said. "As soon as I got off the plane, I knew it was the place for me. No more snow and no more shoveling. The school itself is very high end, and the football there is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I am honored to be coached by Jim Harbaugh and the rest of the former NFL staff. In addition to the weather, the academics and football, there is always



Aaron Levine is projected as a defensive lineman for the University of San Diego. (Courtesy photo)



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Junior Guard Key To USD's 12 Game Turnaround

April 11, 2005

Corey Belser (Spanaway, WA), a 6-6 junior guard on the University of San Diego men's basketball team, recently earned national honors as CollegeInsider.com's Mid-Major Defensive Player of the Year. Belser, who missed the 2003-04 season after suffering a severe knee injury, played a key role in USD bouncing back this season to finish 16-13 overall and tied for third in the West Coast Conference.

"This is truly a great award for Corey and it represents all the hard work he put in to comeback from a major knee injury," said USD head coach Brad Holland. "He takes tremendous pride in is defense and its gratifying to see him be rewarded for his efforts."

Belser led the Toreros with 57 steals and also collected 5 rebounds a game, but his biggest contribution was his disruptive presence on the defensive end. Every game he was asked by the Torero coaching staff to guard the oppoent's top scorer and more often than not he held that player under his scoring average, and a lot of times to single digit scoring.

"It's a mystery to me that he wasn't named WCC defensive player of the year," says CollegeInsider.com's Matt Drake. "If he played in the Pac-10 or the ACC everyone would be tabbing him as one of the dominant defenders in America. He makes you work for every basket. Corey is the best on-the-ball defender at the mid-major level and he should be a candidate for best defender in all of college basketball next season."

At the mid-season point during this past campaign, Belser was named to CollegeInsider.com's Mid-Major All-America Team, and also earned the WCC Player of the Week award (Jan. 3rd) after leading USD to impressive back-to-back wins over Creighton and Wyoming. In USD's last home outing he held USF's John Cox, the WCC leading scorer, to single digits (9 points) and 4-16 shooting (1-10 in threes); at Gonzaga a week later he held Adam Morrison to 9 points on 4-of- Men's Basketball message 11 shooting.

Three seasons ago when the Toreros went 18-12, won the WCC Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament, Belser was named to the CollegeInsider.com National All-Defensive team.

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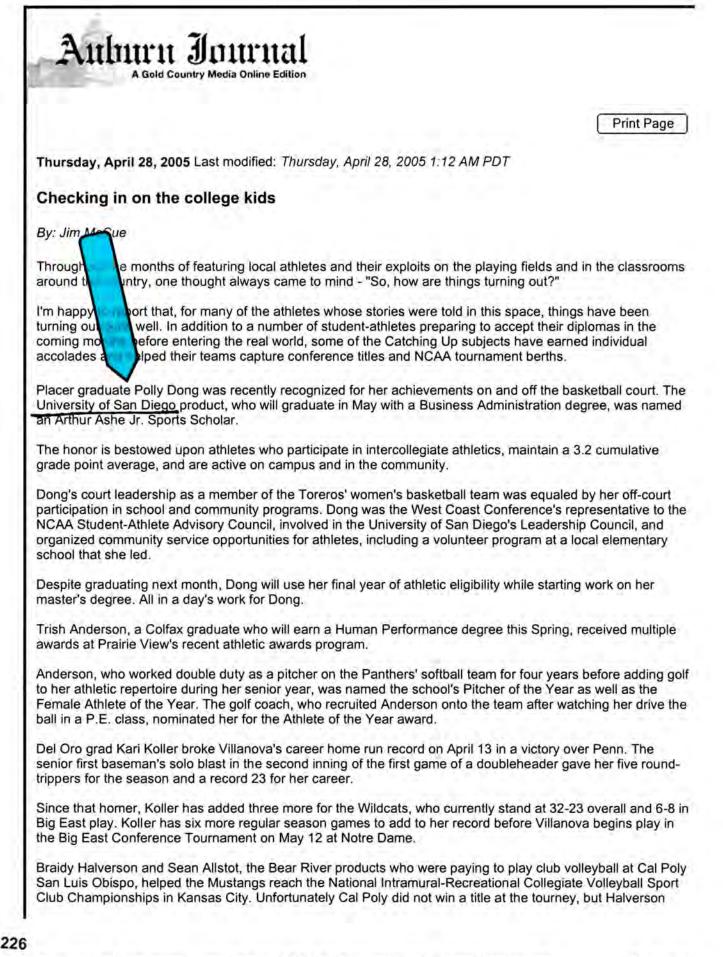
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West, South face off for Jersey Shore title

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DOVER TOWNSHIP - Rutgers guard Ricky Shields and Drexel's Phil Goss each scored 20 points, but it wasn't enough as their East All-Star team was outgunned by the West All-Stars, 125-108, in the semifinals of the Jersey Shore Invitational Friday.

The West led the entire game and pulled a way with 7:35 left in the second half when it hit the 100-point mark and extended its lead to 18. John Cox (San Francisco) led the West squad with 20 points, while teammate Tyron Riley, also from San Francisco, added 12 rebounds.

The West jumped out to an early 10-5 lead in the first half, but Shields kept the East close with his sharp shooting. The East finished the half with a 8-2 run, but still trailed at halftime, 62-54.

consecutive buckets by the West's two University of San p.m.

Diego players, Brice Vounang and Brandon Gay. A 7-0 run put the West up by 14 with 9:17 to go.

The West will meet the South All-Stars, 96-91 winners over the Great Plains All-Stars, in today's championship game.

In a game that was close throughout, the West began to pull away with 8:48 remaining when Miami's Will Frisby caught an alley-oop dunk from Tony Mitchell (College of Charleston) to go up 73-62. The Great Plains stayed within striking distance thanks to Georgia State standout Troy DeVries' shooting. He hit his sixth 3-pointer to pull Great Plains within five, 93-88. But they got no closer as the South held on for victory.

Frisby led the South with 22 points, 12 rebounds and a pair of steals.

The consolation game is The second half began with today at 5 p.m. and the championship game will follow at 7



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High school notes: Edwards receives one more season

Section officials OK the Capital Christian forward's request because of an injury.

By Quwan Spears -- Bee Staff Writer Published 2:15 am PDT Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Capital Christian High School received a "Royal" gift this week when the Sac-Joaquin Section granted one of its basketball stars another year of eligibility.

Senior Royal Edwards III missed 22 games this season because of an injury that developed serious complications.

During a 56-54 loss to Christian Brothers on Dec. 8, Edwards fell and landed on his left hip. The fall resulted in a hematoma that became so infected that pain immobilized the 6-foot-6, 200-pound forward. He played the next four games, then missed the rest of the season. He dropped out of school in December.

"I'm not sure if it was an unprecedented decision by the section," Capital Christian athletic director Scott Sorgea said. "But I do know they don't make this type (of ruling) every day. We're happy with it but not surprised by the outcome because Royal's situation qualified under section rules."

Edwards spent the winter wondering if he would be able to walk normally again.

"It was a very scary situation for me," said Edwards, who averaged 13.4 points and 7.6 rebounds in 10 games. "But in the end, it taught me a big lesson: You can't take life for granted."

Under section bylaws, Edwards received one semester of athletic eligibility. But the bylaws also allowed section Commissioner Pete Saco to extend Edwards' basketball eligibility into the spring semester, which will enable him to play a full season. He cannot participate in a spring sport.

The Cougars, 16-16 last season, hope to be a force with a healthy Edwards in the lineup. He will join 6-10 center Terence Jennings, who will be a senior, and standout guard Nathan Garth, who will be a sophomore, on what was a young but promising Cougars team.

"Royal is definitely a strong player, and his return surely doesn't hurt," Sorgea said. "But we're happy because he's a good kid.

"Even if wasn't able to play basketball, we're glad to have him back because he's a leader on our campus."

Still contending - With the graduation of first-team and etro pitcher Matt Couch (12-2, 1.06 ERA), defending champion Del Campo wasn't experience to be in the Capital Athletic League baseball playoff chase this season.

But entering today's game at Casa Roble, the sugars (15-7, 11-2) are in a first-place tie with the Rams (15-3-1, 11-2) and a good the construction one of the two CAL postseason berths.

Couch, now playing at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, shut down teams so well in 2004 that the 24-7 Cougars often cruised to victory.

This season, it's a different story.

"With Couch, we lost a bona fide ace that could slow teams down," Del Campo athletic director Dave Nobis said. "We don't have that luxury. But, fortunately, we still have a deep team capable of scoring a lot of runs."

The Cougars are averaging nearly seven runs a game.

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USD signs Texas JC player

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The USD men's basketball team filled its final scholarship opening with the announcement yesterday of the signing of Thernest "Theo" White of Oakland to a national letter of intent.

White, a 6-foot-7, 235-pound forward from Tyler (Texas) Community College, joins three players who signed with USD during the early signing period last fall. They are 5-11 point guard Brandon Johnson of Houston, 6-4 shooting guard Danny Brown of Olathe, Kan., and 6-4 wing Ray Murdock from Tempe, Ariz.

"Theo White will be a great addition to our team," coach Brad Holland said. "He played for an outstanding high school program at Oakland Tech in the Bay Area, and then two years at junior college in one of the best junior college leagues in the nation.

"Theo will provide a solid low-post presence for us offensively and he's a quality rebounder. We look for Theo to come in right away and establish himself as a player who will shore up our front line and provide points and rebounds (as a replacement for graduating) Brice Vounang."

Last season White earned third-team All-Region XIV honors while averaging 12.6 points for the Tyler Apaches. He converted 52.8 percent of his shots from the field (133for-252) and 62.3 percent of his free throws (96-for-154).

Tyler finished 14-16 overall and was knocked out in the first round of the Region XIV Tournament.

During his freshman season at Tyler, White appeared in 26 games for a team that went 17-11. He averaged 7.7 points and 5.6 rebounds, and shot 61 percent from the floor and 69 percent from the free throw line.

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San Diego County roundup: Comets reach state finals in volleyball By: North County Times

The Palomar College men's volley sil team advanced to the state championship game, besting Santa Barbara City 25-18, 25-22, 25-13 on Friday with the semifinals of the state playoffs at Moorpark College. Kevin McColloch led the Comets with the set, while Jonathon Girten contributed 11 kills.

"I think we're peaking at the name time," said Comets head coach Al Ursillo. "I think tonight was the best we've played all year. We're played all year. We're played by healthy for the first time in a few weeks ---- we're ready to go."

Palomar plays host Moonvark for the state title tonight at 7. The Raiders defeated Irvine Valley 25-19, 25-15, 23-25, 25-20.

Toreros add White

The University of San Diego men's basketball team added the post player it has long sought, receiving a signed letter of intent this week from under but athletic junior college forward Theo White.

White, an Oakland native, planet as two seasons at Tyler (Texas) Junior College, where he was regarded as an undersized post play oot-6, 220 pounds.

White led the Apache

ing (12.6 points) as a sophomore.

Dons down USD

San Francisco scored a run in the ninth against USD closer Matthew Falk, then pushed across the game-winner against him in the 11th to beat the host Toreros 3-2 in West Coast Conference baseball. USD fell to 25-22-1, 11-11 in conference, while the Dons improved to 31-12, 15-4.

Aztecs men reach final

No. 2 seed Brigham Young shut out Air Force 4-0 and No. 1 seed San Diego State held on to defeat No. 4 seed Nevada-Las Vegas 4-3 in the semifinals of the Mountain West Conference Men's Tennis Championship at the Barnes Tennis Center.

San Diego State fell 4-2 to BYU in the women's tournament semifinals.

Mustang tosses no-hitter

San Dieguito Academy pitcher K.C. Chinn pitched a five-inning no-hitter as the Mustangs topped Calvin Christian 13-0. Chinn struck out six as she improved her record to 1-0. San Dieguito Academy is now 14-8-1, 6-0 in the Coastal League North.

SDSU's Warthen in third

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high school basketball

Poppen signs letter with UC San Diego



Thousand Oaks High boys' basketball player Shane Poppen has signed a national letter of intent with the University of San Diego men's basketball program.

Poppen averaged 19 points and seven rebounds per game for Thousand Oaks last season.

He was a two-time All-Marmonte League selection.

Seven players named to all-state teams

Seven area players received recognition on the all-state girls' basketball team by CalHisports.com.

Kali Bennett of Ventura and Kelly Winther of Royal were chosen for the Division I team.

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Bennett was also selected as the sophomore of the year.

Buena's Sami Whitcomb was named to the Division II and first-team junior class squads.

Oaks Christian sophomore Michelle Clark made the Division IV team.

Newbury Park's Kavita Goss and Westlake's Kathryn Scardino were named to the allstate junior class second team.

Westlake's Lindsey Williams was selected to the all-state sophomore team.

FIELD HOCKEY

Royal High's Niccum signs with Pacific

Royal High's Ashley Niccum, a senior, has signed to play college field hockey for the University of Pacific.

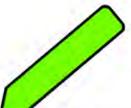
Niccum plays for the Camarillo Cougars Field Hockey Club team. She's a co-captain and played in the Futures program. She also coaches the under-12 club team.

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Passage of CSUSM athletic fee to increase opportunities for local athletes

Joe Naiman Village News Correspondent

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The passage of an advisory vote for a student fee increase to fund Cal State University San Marcos athletics will benefit local athletes seeking to continue their playing careers after high school or community college.

"We knew there was demand out there for another intercollegiate opportunity in San Diego County," said Dr. Steve Nichols, the interim athletic director at Cal State San Marcos. "The demand we thought was there is coming forward."

During the March 21-24 voting period, the CSUSM student body voted overwhelmingly to support a \$40 student fee increase to fund athletics at the university. The student vote is officially advisory to inform the university president, who will make a recommendation to the Chancellor's office. However, both the president and the Chancellor have indicated support for the fee and the expansion of the athletic program. "The vote was the main thing," Nichols said.

The current enrollment of Cal State San Marcos equates to approximately \$600,000 being raised annually from the fee. "As we grow, the fee revenue will grow likewise," Nichols said.

Cal State San Marcos is currently affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The school currently offers six NAIA sports: men's cross-country, women's cross-country, men's golf, women's golf, men's track and field, and women's track and field. The approval of the student fee will lead to the addition of men's baseball and women's softball programs for the spring 2006 seasons and men's soccer, women's soccer, and women's volleyball for the fall 2006 seasons. Nichols warns, however, that the athletic program relies on general fund money as well as fee revenue and that cuts in general fund money from the state might delay one of the fall 2006 programs.

Men's and women's basketball were not added after a review of that possibility led to recommendations by respected college basketball coaches against a basketball program until the school has an on-site arena. "It would be a logistical nightmare trying to get court time for practices and games," Nichols said.

The school has a half-court gym that is large enough for collegiate volleyball, and the soccer teams can play in the infield of the school's rack.

The baseball and softball teams will initially play home games at an offsite facility. "Building those facilities is one of my top priorities," Nichols said.

Cal State San Marcos plays to stay affiliated with the NAIA for the near future. The minimum number of men's and women's sports for NCAA Division II affiliation would exist with the athletic program expansion,



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although NCAA Division II membership also requires a men's and women's. Winter sport which would be fulfilled by indoor track. Appendix a sports are in place, the university would petition to the NCAA for ership which would be followed by a four-year transition process

Nichols is in no hurry for NCAA affiliation. "In the NAIA's a great athletic association," Nichols said.

Three other local universities — Alliant, Polyna Nazarene, and Christian Heritage College — are NAIA merica. The University of California, San Diego is an NCAA Division II school, and San Diego State University and the <u>University</u> of San Diego are NCAA Division I members.

Title IX regulations require at least an equal number of women's sports, and the expansion brings the school's offerings to six women's sports and five men's sports. Because many West Coast colleges have dropped men's volleyball due to Title IX constrictions, that sport is played on the club level at most of the nearby schools. Nichols indicated that the school would likely add a men's sport in the future, and since Palomar Community College has a men's wrestling team that sport would be a strong candidate to be added to the athletics program. "It would make a whole lot of sense to have a men's wrestling team here," Nichols said.

Since the student approval of the fees, Nichols has been receiving telephone calls and electronic mails from local athletes and coaches about the possibility of playing at Cal State San Marcos. "They know it," Nichols said of the increased opportunities for local athletes.

The school does not have a letter of intent scholarship process for athletes. "It will be more walk-ons and tryouts," Nichols said.

The deadline for fall admission for the 2005-06 year has passed, while the deadline for 2006-07 fall admission will be in November 2005. While the normal application process doesn't provide for spring admissions, the special admission process may be used on a case-by-case basis and students who have completed at least 60 community college units may also be admitted beginning with a spring semester.

The fall semester ends in December while the spring semester begins in late January, creating the possibility of special admissions for baseball and softball players who would play for the Cougars in the spring 2006 seasons after being admitted for the spring 2006 semester. The school also has club baseball and softball programs that are managed and funded by the athletes themselves rather than by the athletic department. "There is some talent here in those sports," Nichols said.

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HOME & AWAY: Shimozaki, Fukuroku shine for San Francisco By RODNEY S. YAP, Staff Writer

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Two Maui athletes competing in the Bay Area continue to make headlines in their respective senior seasons at the University of San Francisco.

The Dons have featured former Maui Interscholastic League stars Mariko Shimozaki in women's golf and Royce Fukuroku in men's baseball on the school's Web site.

Shimozaki, a 2000 Seabury Hall graduate, helped the USF women shoot a final-round 309 to finish second with a 54-hole total of 922 in the West Coast Conference golf championships that concluded Tuesday. The Dons finished 36 strokes behind defending champion Pepperdine (886).

Shimozaki placed sixth with a 76-75-77-228.

Fukuroku accounted for the baseball team's only run against No. 14 Stanford Tuesday by pounding his 13th career home run. The Dons dropped a 7-1 decision to Stanford in non-conference baseball action to fall to 23-12.

Fukuroku was 2-for-3 at the plate, to raise his batting average to .343. The former Maui High standout has played in 34 of 35 games.

Last month, Fukuroku earned All-Tournament honors at the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic by batting .450 with a double and a home run in six games.

Fukuroku leads the team in runs scored with 27 and has the highest on-base percentage at .427. He has stolen seven bases in eight attempts.

Defensively, Fukuroku has been a gem at second base. He has committed just one error in a team-high 62 chances.

"We look for some great performances by Royce," Dons' coach Nino Giarratano said. "He has shown that he has enough pop in his bat, arm strength and defensive skills to be a quality Division I player."

KAINOA CASCO: Portland State wrestler Kainoa Casco was selected to the Pacific-10 All-Academic team.

Casco, a 157-pound sophomore from Lahrana, made the second team and is majoring in Business Administration.

Casco was 8-13 on the mat this year after

-9 his freshman season.

The Vikings struggled as a team, government overall, 0-9 Pac-10 before entering the Pac-10 Championships last month. Casco was one of three PSU and the rest to win against Oregon in the team's final dual-meet competition.

The former Luna standout, who earned 11 letters at Lahainaluna, was a two-time state champion wrestler. He attended the University of San Diego his freshman year and redshirted.

■ JENNA MEZIN: Former Seabury Hall tennis standout Jenna Mezin is playing No. 1 singles for unbeaten Wellesley, which ran its team record to 21-0 on Monday with a 5-4 win over Brandels in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

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